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## THE GENUS STROMBUS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

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The genus *Strombus* is a world-wide, tropical group of mesogastropods belonging, with other Recent genera such as *Lambis*, *Terebellum*, *Tibia*, and *Rimella*, to the family Strombidae. The genus originated during the early Miocene or possibly the Eocene, and became established throughout the warm seas of the world. It flourished during the Pliocene and the early Pleistocene in the area of southeast Asia, but has since had a gradual diminution in species, until none now survive in the Mediterranean, only one in West Africa, seven in the Caribbean region and four in the Panamic region on the Pacific side of Central America. Sixty living races occur in the Indo-Pacific of which thirty eight may be considered to be full species.

Members of the genus *Strombus* are for the most part shallow water inhabitants. In all known cases they are herbivorous or detritus-feeders. The vast majority live from the low tide line to a depth of about 20 feet, although about one fourth of the species occur more commonly from 15 to 30 feet, and two at depths from 6 to 66 fathoms. Few *Strombus* have been found in water too cold to support the production of coral reefs, and the vast majority of species are found within the limits of the 70° F restricted isotherm (water always above 70° F).

*Strombus* are outstanding for their agility of locomotion. The foot is narrow, very muscular, and with the flat, creeping sole limited to the anterior third of the foot. The operculum is long, sharp, strong and somewhat sickle-shaped, serving not only as a lever in moving the animal forward, but also as a defensive weapon against predatory crabs and fish. The eye peduncles are long and muscular, and near the distal end give rise to a small, short tentacle. The eyes are large and usually adorned with circular rings of orange, yellow or red color.

The animals are dioecious with the adult males bearing a long, open-grooved prong-like penis on the right side of the "back". The animals generally congregate in large colonies in shallower water during the warmer months of the year to spawn. The

egg masses consist of a long, jelly-like tube to which sand grains become attached. The coiling tube becomes entwined into a sponge-like mass. The length of unravelled tube may vary from 43 to 74 feet and contain an estimated 185,000 to 460,000 individual eggs. The eggs develop into free-swimming veligers within 80 to 100 hours after first being laid. An account of the spawn and veligers of three Western Atlantic *Strombus* and an excellent bibliography is given by R. Robertson (1959, Proc. Mal. Soc. London, vol. 33, pt. 4, pp. 164-171, 1 pl.).

A slight degree of sexual dimorphism is evident in the shells of most *Strombus*, those of males usually being slightly smaller (see remarks under *S. gibberulus gibbosus*).

The shells of *Strombus* are characterized by the development in the adult of a large, flaring, generally thickened, outer lip and the presence of a U-shaped notch on the edge of the lip near the anterior end. This feature is referred to as the "stromboid notch," and it generally serves as a "peep hole" for the protruding right eye. It is probably the convenience of this notch that has led to a reduction in length of the right eye peduncle, so common a feature in most *Strombus*. Another char-



Plate 11. Living *Strombus pipus* (Röding) emerging from its shell. From left to right: the brown, sickle-shaped operculum, underside of foot, yellowish brown proboscis and brownish mauve-spotted eye peduncles. Zanzibar specimen natural size. Photo by Virginia Orr.

acteristic is the production of slightly thickened, rounded varices in the postnuclear whorls of the spire. These adolescent varices may serve to strengthen the rather fragile young shell. Some species produce wide adolescent varices, such as those found in the subgenus *Gibberulus*, while others produce narrow ones, or on rare occasions none at all.

In shell size, adults vary from the 13-inch *Strombus (Tricornis) goliath* Schröter of Brazil to a dwarf *S. (Canarium) maculatus* Sowerby only  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (8 mm.) in length.

*Strombus* quite commonly differ in shell size from colony to colony due probably to a combination of genetic and ecologic conditions. Examples are discussed under the remarks on *S. canarium* and *S. gibberulus gibbosus*. Some unjustified races have been based upon these local dwarfs or giants. Old adults commonly thicken the shell, especially the outer lip, and may lay down an aluminum-like glaze, features which also have been the basis for unjustified subspecies.

The internal anatomy of several Indo-Pacific species has been treated in detail by B. Haller (1893, *Morphologisches Jahrbuch*, Leipzig, vol. 19, pp. 577-588, pls. 18-20) and by R. Bergh (1895, *Zoologische Jahrbücher, Anat. und Ontog.*, Jena, vol. 8, pp. 342-378, pls. 22-23).

#### Subgenera of *Strombus*

There is always difficulty in defining limits for genera and subgenera that will be satisfactory to all workers. *Strombus* presents no exception. Our evaluation is based upon shell, radular, penial, and opercular characters, as well as the fossil history. Among the shell characters employed are sculpture of apical whorls, production of axial and spiral sculpture in later whorls, development of the outer lip, general shape and texture of shell, the coloration and sculpturing of the columella and of the inside of the outer body wall, and the development of the siphonal canal. Unfortunately, the expression of these characters arises in varying combinations throughout obviously different stocks, so that some shell characters become misleading. The modifications of the penis have served usefully in some cases, some being simple prongs (as in the subgenus *Canarium*), others being strongly bilobed (as in the subgenera *Dolomena*, *Euprotomus*, and *Lentigo*).

The radula throughout the genus *Strombus* shows little diversity, and, again, sufficient inter- and intra-specific variations occur to reduce this character to secondary importance. The lateral cusps of

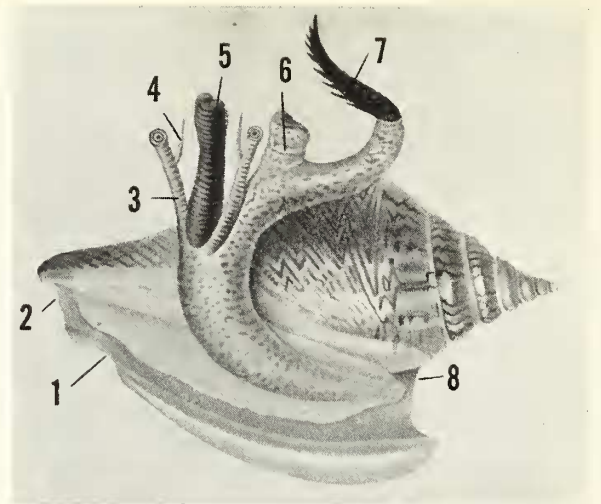


Plate 12. Living animal of *Strombus canarium* Linné. 1, the "stromboid notch". 2, anterior siphonal canal. 3, eye peduncle. 4, tentacle. 5, proboscis and mouth. 6, anterior end of foot. 7, operculum. 8, posterior canal.

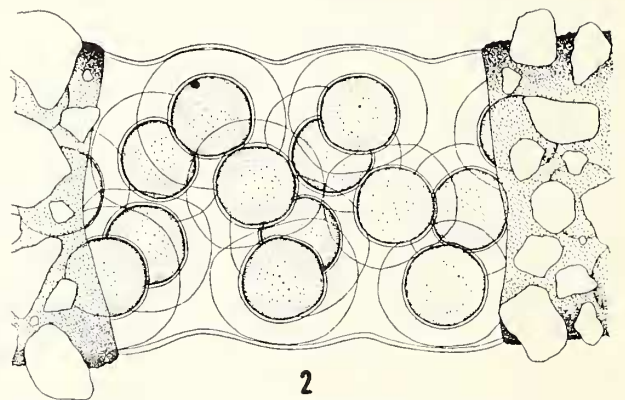
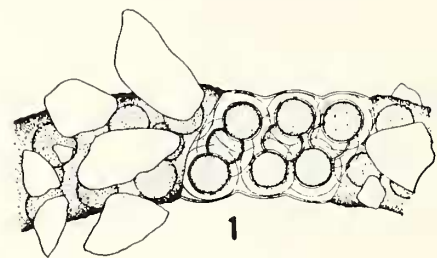


Plate 13. Portion of egg masses of *Strombus* with some sand grains removed to show internal coils of eggs. Fig. 1, *S. rarinus* Gmelin, Bahamas. Fig. 2, *S. costatus* Gmelin, Bahamas. Both about  $\times 40$ . (From R. Robertson, 1959, p. 167).

some species have made possible the rather convenient acceptance of the subgenera *Strombus* sensu stricto and *Doxander*. In other groups, such as *Gibberulus*, the absence of the tiny, but distinct peg at the inner base of the lateral has been helpful. Curiously, some of the radular characteristics are correlated with the marine provinces, rather than with assumed phylogenetic relationships.



Plate 14

- Figs. 1, 2 *Strombus aurisdianae aratum* (Röding). Cairns.  
 3, 4 *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné. Balabac Id.  
 5, 6 *Strombus bulla* (Röding). Cebu Id.  
 7, 8 *Strombus vomer vomer* (Röding). New Caledonia.  
 9, 10 *Strombus vomer hawaiiensis* Pilsbry. Hawaii.  
 11, 12 *Strombus vomer iredalei* Abbott. Western Australia.  
 13 *Strombus decorus decorus* (Röding). Mozambique.  
 14 *Strombus decorus persicus* Swainson. Arabia.  
 15 *Strombus luhuanus* Linné. Dutch New Guinea.  
 16, 17 *Strombus fasciatus* Born. Red Sea.  
 18, 19 *Strombus dilatatus swainsoni* Reeve. Pacific.  
 20 *Strombus variabilis* Swainson (color form). Palau.  
 21, 22 *Strombus variabilis* Swainson. Balabac Id.  
 23 *Strombus dentatus* Linné. Okinawa Id.  
 24 *Strombus dilatatus* form *orosminus* Duclos. Cebu.  
 25 *Strombus dilatatus dilatatus* Swainson. Mindanao.  
 26 *Strombus gibberulus gibbosus* (Röding). Cebu Id.  
 27 *Strombus gibberulus albus* Mörech. Red Sea.  
 28 *Strombus gibberulus gibberulus* Linné. Zanzibar.  
 29 *Strombus terbellatus* Sowerby. Pacific Ocean.  
 30 *Strombus fragilis* (Röding). Western Pacific Ocean.  
 (all approximately ½ natural size)

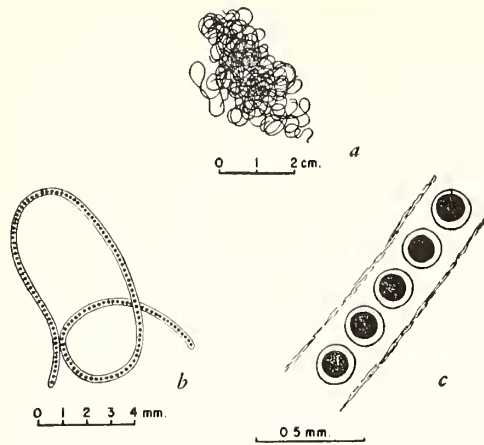


Plate 15. Egg mass (fig. a), egg strand (fig. b), and enlarged section showing single row of eggs (fig. c) of *Strombus maculatus* Sowerby. (from Ostergaard, 1950, p. 95, fig. 17).

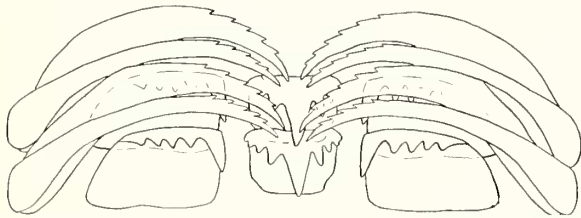


Plate 16. Two of forty transverse rows of radular teeth of *Strombus gibberulus gibbosus* (Röding) from a New Caledonian specimen.  $\times 70$ .

Little is known about the species characters in the egg masses and veligers, but preliminary observations suggest that these may be additionally useful.

Our subgenera are not of equal rank, as would be expected when attempting to put arbitrary limits on nature's gradual and many-faceted avenues of evolution. The subgenera *Doxander*, *Labiostrombus* (in our restricted sense), *Gibberulus* and *Conomurex* seem to be well defined and sufficiently separated from their morphological neighbors. Within *Canarium* and *Tricornis* are several groups of species which are obviously closely related, but other species have a mixture of these group characters. We have refrained from creating a new series of monotypic subgenera or genera, feeling that this would obscure the relationships. Over-zealous neontologists would do well to consult the fossil record, and paleontologists should not be tempted to recognize some higher categories simply on the basis of long stretches of time.

Below we are listing the accepted subgenera and species of *Strombus*. Those in [brackets] are from other oceans, and those preceded by a dagger † are fossil. Abbreviations: W.A. is Western Atlantic; E.P. is Eastern Tropical Pacific or Panamic region. The list contains 89 fossil and living Indo-Pacific species and subspecies, of which 60 are living. We recognize 38 full species for the Recent Indo-Pacific and a world total of 50 Recent full species.

#### List of Recognized Taxa

Genus *Strombus* Linné, 1758

*Strombus* s.s. Linné, 1758

[*pugilis* Linné, 1758] Type W.A.

[*alatus* Gmelin, 1791] W.A.

[*gracilior* Sowerby, 1825] E.P.

*Laevistrombus* Kira, 1955

*canarium* Linné, 1758. Type

†*caringinensis* Martin, 1899

subsp. †*martini* Oostingh, 1935

†*overbecki* Cox, 1948

†*karikalensis* Cossmann, 1903

†*glaber* Martin, 1879

*Tricornis* Jousseaume, 1886

*tricornis* Humphrey, 1786. Type

*thersites* Swainson, 1823

†*maximus* Martin, 1883

*latissimus* Linné, 1758

*taurus* Reeve, 1857

*sinuatus* Humphrey, 1786

†*junghuhni* Martin, 1879

†*mekronieus* Vredenburg, 1928

†*inflatus* Martin, 1879

†*tjilonganensis* Martin, 1899

[*raninus* Gmelin, 1791] W.A.

[*peruvianus* Swainson, 1823] E.P.

[*gallus* Linné, 1758] W.A.

[*eostatus* Gmelin, 1791] W.A.

[*galeatus* Swainson, 1823] E.P.

[*goliath* Schröter, 1805] Brazil

[*gigas* Linné, 1758] W.A.

*Dilatilabrum* Cossmann, 1904

[†*fortisi* Brongniart, 1823] Type. Eocene

*Canarium* Schumacher, 1817

*urceus* Linné, 1758. Type

subsp. *orrae* Abbott, 1960

*labiatus* (Röding, 1798)

subsp. *olydius* Duclou, 1844

subsp. †*gendinganensis* Martin, 1879

*klineorum* Abbott, 1960

*microureus* (Kira, 1959)

*mutabilis* Swainson, 1821

subsp. *ochroglottis* Abbott, 1960

subsp. †*ostergaardi* Pilsbry, 1921

- maculatus* Sowerby, 1842  
 †*unifasciatus* Martin, 1884  
 †*spolongensis* Martin, 1916  
*fusiformis* Sowerby, 1842  
*erythrinus* Dillwyn, 1817  
     subsp. *rugosus* Sowerby, 1825  
*haemastoma* Sowerby, 1842  
*scalariformis* Duclos, 1833  
*helli* Kiener, 1843  
*dentatus* Linné, 1758  
*fragilis* (Röding, 1798)  
*terebellatus* Sowerby, 1842  
     subsp. *afrobellatus* Abbott, 1960  
*Dolomena* Iredale, 1931  
     *plicatus* (Röding, 1798)  
         subsp. *columba* Lamarck, 1822  
         subsp. *sibbaldi* Sowerby, 1842  
         subsp. *pulchellus* Reeve, 1851. **Type**  
 †*palabuanensis* Martin, 1899  
 †*deperditus* J. de C. Sowerby, 1839  
     *dilatatus* Swainson, 1821  
         subsp. *swainsoni* Reeve, 1850  
         subsp. †*taiwanicus* Nomura, 1935  
         subsp. †*fememai* Martin, 1899  
 †*rembangensis* Martin, 1899  
     *labiosus* Wood, 1828  
         subsp. †*teschi* Cox, 1948  
 †*rutteni* Altena, 1942  
     *marginatus* Linné, 1758  
         subsp. *succinctus* Linné, 1767  
         subsp. *robustus* Sowerby, 1874  
         subsp. *septimus* Duclos, 1844  
 †*togopiensis* Cox, 1948  
 †*sedanensis* Martin, 1899  
 †*javanus* Martin, 1879  
     *variabilis* Swainson, 1820  
         subsp. *athenius* Duclos, 1844  
     *minimus* Linné, 1771  
*Labiostrombus* Oostingh, 1925  
     *epidromis* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
     †*deuti* Cox, 1948  
     †*kemedjingsensis* Martin, 1916  
*Doxander* Iredale, 1931  
     *vittatus* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
         subsp. *japonicus* Reeve, 1851  
         subsp. †*mediunensis* Martin, 1899  
         subsp. †*deningeri* P. J. Fischer, 1921  
         subsp. *campbelli* Griffith and Pidgeon, 1834  
     †*triangulatus* Martin, 1879  
     *listeri* T. Gray, 1852  
*Lentigo* Jousseume, 1886  
     *lentiginosus* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
     *pipus* (Röding, 1798)  
     *fasciatus* Born, 1778  
     [*latus* Gmelin, 1791] West Africa  
     †*preoccupatus* Finlay, 1927  
     [*granulatus* Swainson, 1822] E.P.  
*Euprotomus* Gill, 1870  
     *aurisdianae* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
         subsp. *aratum* (Röding, 1798)  
     *bullata* (Röding, 1798)  
     *comer* (Röding, 1798)  
         subsp. *hawaiiensis* Pilsbry, 1917  
         subsp. *iredalei* Abbott, 1960  
*Conomurex* P. Fischer, 1884  
     *luluuanus* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
     *decorus* (Röding, 1798)  
         subsp. *persicus* Swainson, 1821  
*Gibberulus* Jousseume, 1888  
     *gibberulus* Linné, 1758. **Type**  
         subsp. *gibbosus* (Röding, 1798)  
         subsp. *albus* Mörch, 1850  
 †*Oostrombus* Sacco, 1893  
     †*problematicus* Michelotti, 1861. **Type.** Eocene

#### Distribution of Strombus

A comparison of the distribution and speciation of the genus *Strombus* with that of another meso-gastropod group is possible in the case of the Cypraeidae because of the recent monograph by Schilder and Schilder (1938, Proc. Mal. Soc. London, vol. 23, pp. 119-231). Allowances should be made for the excessive generic and racial splitting by those authors. Many of their races are not accepted today, nor do some of their marine sub-regions have much to support their continued recognition (Sulu Sea region, Sumatran region, Bermudian region). Nevertheless, some interesting comparisons are possible.

The living, world-wide Strombidae (*Strombus*, *Lambis*, *Terebellum*, *Tibia*, and *Rimella*) contains about 75 full species (if strong subspecies are added, 100). The genus *Strombus* contains 50 full species. There are about 165 full species in the genus *Cypraea* (Cypraeidae of Schilder and Schilder, 1938, but see Kay, 1960). This ratio of about one *Strombus* species to 3 *Cypraea* species does not maintain itself throughout the various parts of the world tropical seas. One obvious reason for a higher proportion of *Cypraea* in such places as South Australia, South Africa, and the Mediterranean is that the Strombidae are more tropical in habitat preference. About 20 species of *Cypraea* live in waters presumably too cold for *Strombus*. Compared to the world ratio, there are proportionately more *Strombus* than *Cypraea* in the Panamic and Caribbean regions. The slightly cooled waters of the



Plate 17

Figs. 1, 2 *Strombus thersites* Swainson. Okinawa Id.

3, 4 *Strombus taurus* Reeve. Rongelap Atoll.

5 *Strombus latissimus* Linné. Mindanao Id.

6, 7 *Strombus tricornis* Humphrey. Red Sea.

8 *Strombus sinuatus* Humphrey. Okinawa Id.

9, 10 *Strombus pipus* (Röding). Mindanao Id.

11, 12 *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné. Schouten Ids.

13 *Strombus vittatus campbelli* Griff. and Pidg.  
Queensland.

14 *Strombus vittatus vittatus* L. Cebu Id. (left, form  
*australis* Schröter; right, typical).

15 *Strombus canarium* Linné (typical form). New  
Caledonia.

16 *Strombus canarium* L. (form *turturellus* Röding).  
Samar Id.

17 *Strombus epidromis* Linné. Mindanao Id.

18 *Strombus vittatus japonicus* Reeve. Ise, Japan.  
(all approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  natural size)

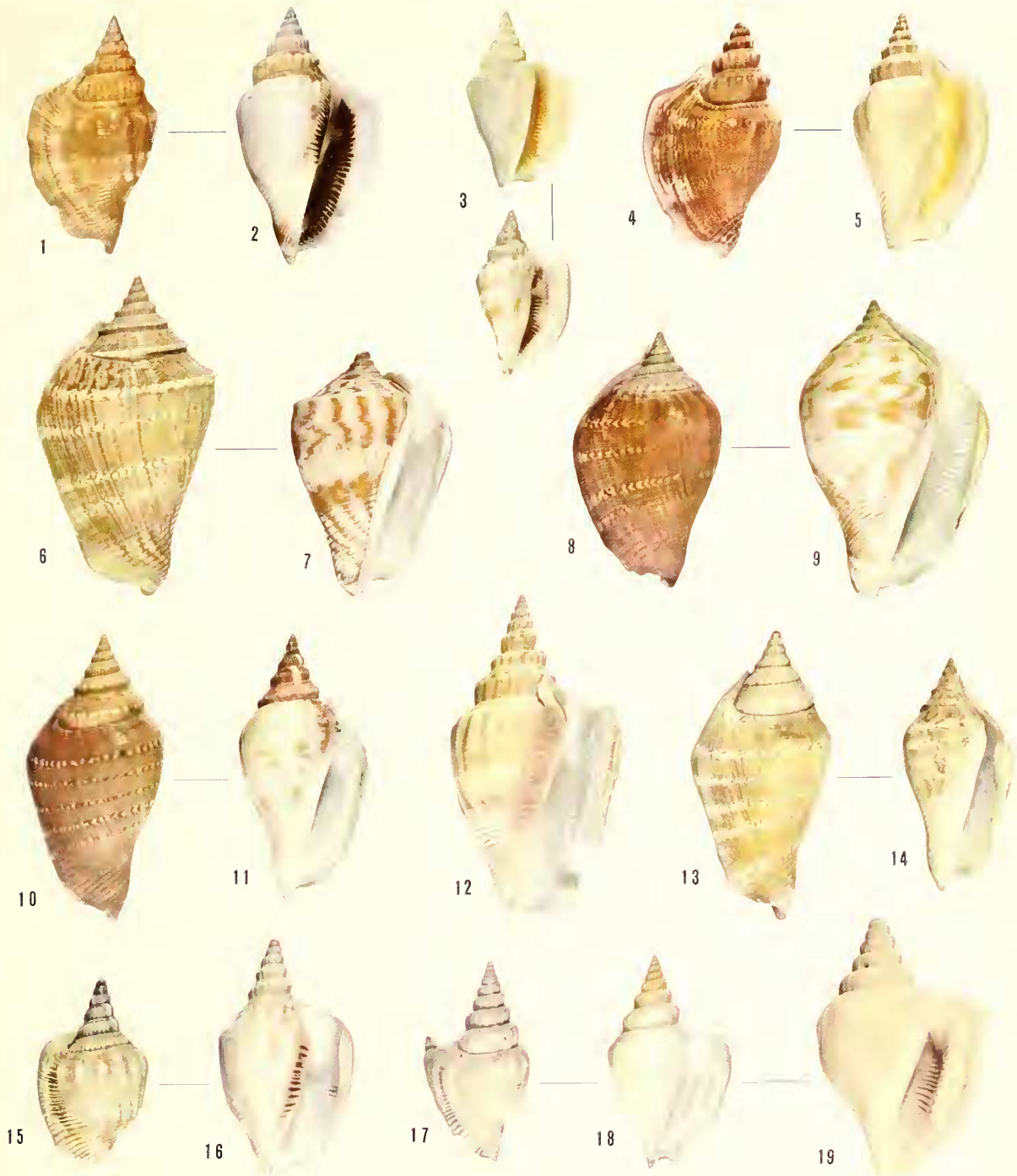
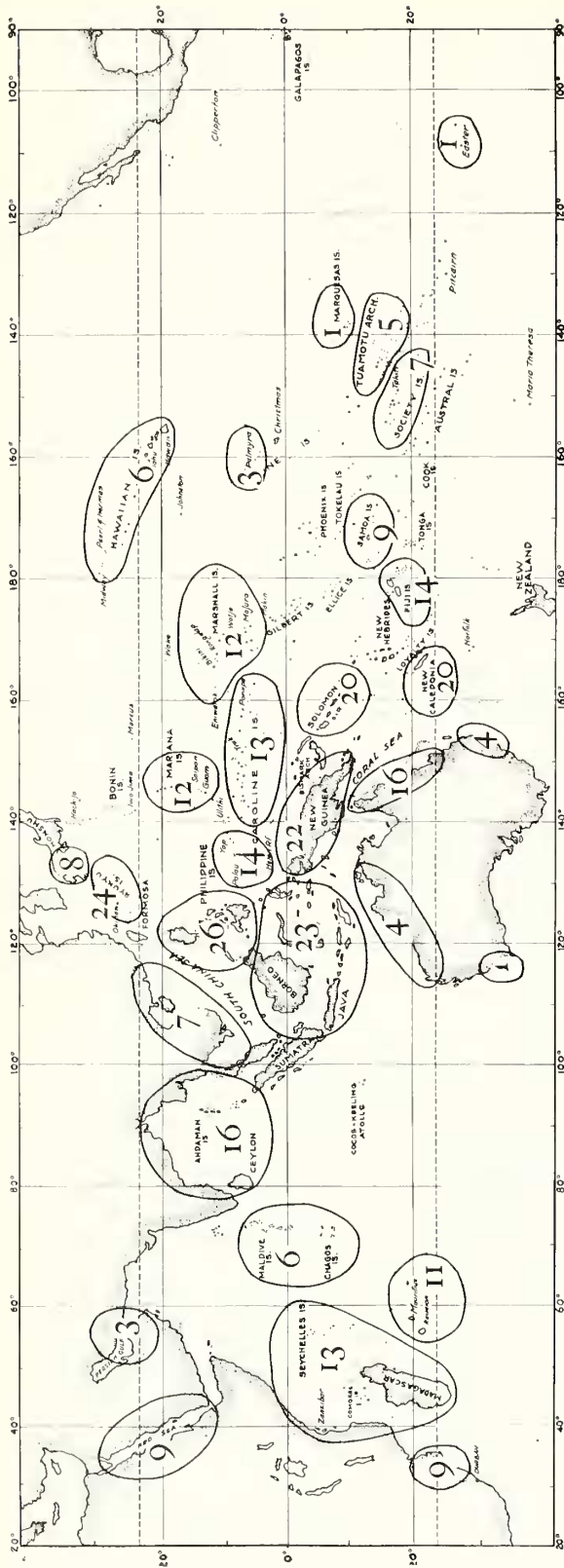


Plate 18

Figs. 1, 2 *Strombus plicatus columba* Lamarck. Zanzibar.  
 3 *Strombus plicatus pulchellus* Reeve. Luzon Id.  
 4, 5 *Strombus minimus* Linné. Cebu Id.  
 6, 7 *Strombus marginatus marginatus* Linné. Bay of Bengal.  
 8, 9 *Strombus marginatus robustus* Sowerby. Japan.

10, 11 *Strombus marginatus septimus* Duclos. (left, Solomons; right, Luzon Id.)  
 12 *Strombus plicatus plicatus* (Röding). Gulf of Suez.  
 13, 14 *Strombus marginatus succinctus* Linné. Ceylon.  
 15, 16 *Strombus plicatus* form *sibbaldi* Sowerby.  
 17, 18, 19 *Strombus labiosus* Wood. Philippines.  
 (all natural size)



Mediterranean and West Africa support 10 *Cypraea* but only one *Strombus* in West Africa. On the other hand, the Indo-Pacific is proportionately richer in *Cypraea* than in *Strombus*.

A closer comparison of the distribution within the Indo-Pacific permits several generalizations. The *Cypraea* are not only more numerous in species for each small geographic area, but also are more evenly distributed. The rich arcs (the Western Pacific Arc, the Bay of Bengal and central East Africa) are the same for each genus, but much more pronounced for *Strombus*. The arcs of high endemicity (i.e. Red Sea, Bay of Bengal, northern Australia, Hawaii and Polynesia) are about the same for each genus. The reduction in the number of species eastward from the Western Pacific Arc into Micronesia and Polynesia is very pronounced in *Strombus*, much less so in *Cypraea*. Both genera have but one species in Easter Island. There are no close relatives of the Indo-Pacific *Strombus* in the Panamic province, but one *Cypraea* (*isabella* [or *controversa*] subspecies *mexicana* Stearns, 1893) has made the migration.

### The Western Pacific Arc

Our patterns of Indo-Pacific distribution of *Strombus* species are similar to those outlined for *Cypraea* by Schilder and Schilder (1938), with one major difference, in that those authors have failed to recognize the importance and nature of the Western Pacific Arc. This is a zoogeographic area running from the northern Ryukyu Islands south through Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia and southeastward through New Guinea, to New Caledonia and Fiji. The center of species occurrence is in the central and southern Philippines where 26 races of *Strombus* are present. The Western Pacific Arc has a representation of 46 per cent of the Indo-Pacific and 72 per cent of the Pacific races of *Strombus* (in contrast to 10 and 15 per cent respectively in the case of the Hawaiian fauna, and 11 and 18 per cent respectively in the case of the Society Islands).

The following species or races of *Strombus* are endemic to the Western Pacific Arc:

← Plate 19. Number of species and races of *Strombus* in each area of the Indo-Pacific region. Insufficiently collected areas have been omitted, and some of the present censuses will increase by about 10 percent when additional records are found. Total races: 60; Indian Ocean 22; Pacific Ocean: 39.



(*Tricornis*) *latissimus*      (*Dolomena*) *minimus*  
 (*Dolomena*) *dilatatus*      (*Labiostrombus*) *epidromis*  
 (*Dolomena*) *septimus*      (*Euprotomus*) *bullus*  
    (*Euprotomus*) *vomer* s.s.

Other species of *Strombus* occurring mainly in the Western Pacific Arc have advanced (or have not retrenched their former more widespread distributions) in several directions. Fifteen species maintain themselves in Queensland, Australia. Some of these may represent Pliocene or even Miocene invasions from the north, but others may be Quaternary migrations along westward flowing currents from the New Caledonia and Brampton Reef areas. The color patterns of *Strombus canarium* support the latter possibility for some species.

Only three species of the Western Pacific Arc occur to the west. Two of these, *canarium* and *labiatus*, are present in the Bay of Bengal and are also capable of sustaining themselves in the slightly cooler waters of Honshu Island, Japan. These species are always associated with large islands or continental shores where nitrogenous-rich waters prevail. The third species, *aurisdianae*, which occurs abundantly throughout the middle of the Indian Ocean from East Africa to Sumatra, may be a case of a recent advancement from Africa into the Western Pacific Arc as far as Okinawa and the Solomons. It occurs relatively abundantly in African fossil beds, but not in Indonesian beds. Furthermore, it is the only species in the Western Pacific Arc which stops at the Solomons. Curiously, the two advancing "horns", one in northern Queensland, the other in the Ryukyus have specimens which show a tendency towards melanism. The Queensland populations are so drastic in this and other characters, that we recognize them as the subspecies *aratrum*. The Indian Ocean populations show great instability in shell characters, and we believe represent potential isolation and a development of an Indian Ocean species or subspecies for the geologic future.

A more advanced case of the *aurisdianae*-like spread, is seen in *Strombus luhuanus*. Its fossil record is also better in Africa, and, in the Recent Indian Ocean, is represented by the distinct species *decorus*. The latter's instability has resulted in a northwestern Indian Ocean subspecies, *persicus*. *S. luhuanus* has spread beyond the Western Pacific Arc as far north as Honshu Island, Japan, as far south as Sydney, Australia, and as far east as Palmyra Island. All three extremities are noted for shells which tend towards either a stunted condition or a reduction of the typical, bright watermelon red in the aperture. If the central Western

Pacific Arc populations were to become extinct, there might well develop a situation similar to that which occurs in the peripheral distribution of *S. vomer* and its subspecies (see below).

Other Western Pacific Arc species which exist to the eastward in varying distances are: *fragilis*, *gibberulus gibbosus*, *microurceus*, *pipus*, *sinuatus*, *terebellatus terebellatus*, and *variabilis*. We believe that *pipus* is in a period of shrinkage, since it occurs in small numbers in an isolated pocket in Tahiti, but mainly extends only from the Ryukyus to the Solomons. *S. pipus* is common only in the Sulu Sea. On the other hand, *gibberulus gibbosus*, a Pacific subspecies, is maintaining itself as an abundant species throughout the vast central Pacific, and has died out only in the Hawaiian Chain since the Pliocene. The stunted, smaller, less colorful specimens living in the atolls of the central Pacific suggest that *gibberulus gibbosus* is destined to extinction in the geologic future.

Two striking cases of discontinuous distribution exist in the Western Pacific Arc. One of these appears to be of relatively recent origin, the other of more ancient origin. The large, colorful and handsome *Strombus thersites* has been found on numerous occasions in the waters of New Caledonia and Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. Despite many years of collecting in the intervening areas where many rare shells, such as *Conus gloriamaris*, *Vasum tubiferum*, *Cypraea guttata*, etc., have been found, this large shell has not turned up in the Philippines, Indonesia or New Guinea. It is fairly safe to say that it does not occur, or at least is extremely rare, in these intervening areas. This is also true of *S. vomer vomer* which is moderately common in the Ryukyus and New Caledonia. Both of these species, or very close relatives of them, occur in the Pliocene of Indonesia, Taiwan, and the Lau Islands of Fiji. It appears that both of these species were widely spread throughout the Western Pacific in previous geologic times. Each, today, has been reduced in distribution.

In the case of *vomer*, three recent isolated genetic pools appear to have survived from the once widespread Pliocene range. Probably the oldest of these is the living subspecies *iredalei* which is limited to the Dampierian province from Western Australia to the Gulf of Carpentaria in northwest Queensland. A second subspecies, *hawaiensis*, is now limited to the Hawaiian Chain from Midway to Hawaii. It is closer morphologically to the Western Pacific Arc *vomer vomer* and the Pliocene Taiwan fossil than to *iredalei*. The third subspecies is



Plate 20

- Figs. 1, 2 *Strombus erythrinus elegans* Sowerby. Noumea.  
 3 *Strombus erythrinus erythrinus* Dillwyn. Red Sea.  
 4 *Strombus erythrinus* (dwarf form). New Guinea.  
 5 *Strombus erythrinus erythrinus* Dillwyn. Mauritius.  
 6 *Strombus haemastoma* Sowerby. Wothe Atoll.  
 7, 8 *Strombus belli* Kiener. Oahu Id., Hawaii.  
 9, 10 *Strombus mutabilis ochrogottis* Abbott. Mauritius.  
 11, 12 *Strombus erythrinus rugosus* Sowerby. Polynesia.  
 13, 14 *Strombus maculatus* Sowerby. Hawaiian Ids.  
 15, 16 *Strombus mutabilis* Swainson. Cebu Id.  
 17 *Strombus mutabilis* form *zebriolatus* A. and L.  
 18, 19 *Strombus labiatus ohydus* Duclou. Indian Ocean.  
 20, 21 *Strombus klineorum* Abbott. Ceylon. Holotype.  
 22 *Strombus labiatus* (Röding) (smooth form). Cebu.  
 23 *Strombus labiatus* (Röding) (ribbed form). Samar.  
 24, 25 *Strombus microurcens* (Kira). Okinawa.  
 26, 27 *Strombus urceus* Linné. Cebu Id.  
 28 *Strombus urceus orrae* Abbott. Western Australia.  
 29 *Strombus urceus* form *ustulatus* Schum. China.  
 30 *Strombus fusiformis* Sowerby. Zanzibar.

the typical *vomer vomer* which is now, in Recent times, beginning to die out and separate into two remotely isolated populations. Given time, they too may become subspecifically separated.

In the above two cases and in *S. pipus*, we see actual or potential examples of differentiation occurring at the extremities of a range after extinction has occurred in the center of distribution. There are, however, suggestive examples of new subspecies occurring while the parent species is still abundant and in a widespread and continuous range. Examples are *variabilis athenius*, *erythrinus rugosus*, *aurisdianae aratum*, *gibberulus albus*, the *marginatus* complex and *mutabilis oehroglottis*. These subspecies are by no means equal in strength. The morphological gap is stronger perhaps due more to genetic differences in some cases, while in other cases the differences are subtle and possibly brought about in part by special geographical ecological conditions.

In some cases, it would appear that a species has developed on the edges of the Western Pacific Arc and then re-invaded the East Indies. Such may be the case of the more easterly located *bulia* which now overlaps the range of its very close relative *aurisdianae*. Some of the shell specimens in the Philippines show a possible hybridization. These two species are normally kept apart by their respective bathymetric ranges, one living in shallow, intertidal waters, the other from about 10 to 40 feet of water.

In general, we have noted that individuals of one species are usually in shallower water in the Philippine area than they are in Micronesia and Polynesia. This is especially pronounced in the case of certain Wake Island and Hawaiian *Strombus*, *Cypraea* and *Terebra*. The possible development of a deeper-water physiological race in the central Pacific would make possible a return invasion into the Western Pacific Arc without genetic swamping by the original parent stock. The converse or opposite direction is also possible.

Discontinuous distributions in which one small center occurs in the Zanzibar-Mauritius-Seychelles triangle of the western Indian Ocean and in which a second, larger center occurs in the western Pacific are noted in the case of *Strombus pipus*, *S. laemastoma*, *S. dentatus*, *Strombus plicatus columba* (Indian Ocean) and *S. plicatus pulchellus* (Western Pacific Arc). A comparable case exists in the distribution of *S. terebellatus* which has its typical race in the Western Pacific Arc and its Indian Ocean subspecies from Mozambique, Zanzibar, northern Madagascar and the Red Sea. Schilder

and Schilder (1938, vol. 23, p. 178) found this same Indian-Pacific Ocean discontinuity in *Cypraea* (*Callistocypraea*) *testudinaria* Linné. [his typical *testudinaria* and *testudinosa* should be combined]. The distribution of the Pacific populations of *C. testudinaria* is the same as that of *S. gibberulus gibbosus*. This cowrie and the latter *Strombus* do not have the same bathymetric range, although all are associated with coral reef or coral sand habitats.

#### Continental and Oceanic Species

It is well-known that each species has its own ecological requirements, and that the distribution of such environmental factors as temperature, substrate, water conditions and, in the case of herbivores, the plant life, will all determine the geographical range of the species. Although little is known about the exact ecological preferences of *Strombus*, we have been struck by the existence of two basic types of species that occur not only in the Strombidae but also throughout most of the marine families of mollusks and some other invertebrates. A large proportion of the Indo-Pacific and the Western Atlantic *Strombus* fall into one or the other of these two groups:

1. Species limited to the rich, nitrogenous shores of continents or well-vegetated volcanic islands (*Strombus*):

(Pacific)	<i>minimus</i>
<i>canariuu</i>	<i>urceus</i>
<i>dilatatus</i>	<i>vittatus</i>
<i>epidromis</i>	(Caribbean)
<i>labiatus</i>	<i>alatus</i>
<i>latissimus</i>	<i>pugilis</i>
<i>marginatus</i>	<i>goliath</i>

2. Species mainly living in clear, oceanic waters surrounding small coral islands, submerged banks or in similar oceanic conditions bordering large islands and continents (*Strombus*):

(Pacific)	<i>uaculatus</i>
<i>dentatus</i>	<i>microurceus</i>
<i>erythrinus</i>	<i>mutabilis</i>
<i>fragilis</i>	<i>sinuatus</i>
<i>gibberulus</i>	<i>taurus</i>
<i>lentiginosus</i>	(Caribbean)
<i>luhuanus</i>	<i>gigas</i>
<i>decorus</i>	<i>costatus</i>

On the whole, the species in the second group are more widely distributed. More cases of endemicity are developed in the first group; and some other families are almost exclusively continental or

large-island-dwellers, such as the Melongenidae and most of the Donacidae and Solenidae. Neither phylogenetic relationship, method of reproduction, size of the animal, relative abundance nor bathymetric range seem to be correlated with the type of distribution. Several *Strombus* and about one fourth of the two hundred species in other families whose distributions we have studied seem either to be intermediate in their habitat preference or are insufficiently understood.

#### Origin of the Recent Indo-Pacific Fauna

The genus *Strombus* first appeared in the early Miocene in the ancient Tethys Sea. It appears in the fossil beds of the Caribbean, southern Europe and the Indo-Pacific. It does not appear in any fossil beds which are considered by most paleontologists to represent a cooler water fauna. Although the fossil record does not seem to be as full or as complete as the Recent one, it would appear that the Pliocene saw the first great development of *Strombus*, not only in the development of new subgenera, but also in the geographical spread of the various species. Some time during the Pleistocene, there was an almost universal shrinkage in the ranges, particularly in the eastern and central sections of the Pacific Ocean. A few typically Indonesian Pliocene species remained trapped in isolated pockets, such as *Cyrtulus serotinus* Hinds, *Lambis robustus* Swainson (formerly *pseudoscorpio* Lamarck) in the Societies, and such as *Strombus vomer hawaiiensis* in Hawaii.

In the main, however, the amount of speciation and the extent of distribution of these species of *Strombus* have remained the same from the Pliocene to Recent times. Continental species closely resembling *canarium* and *epidromis* have remained in the southeast area of Asia. No fossils have turned up, even in the latest drill cores in the Marshalls, which would suggest that any great degree of new speciation had developed in the Central Pacific area during the Neogene. Ladd (1960, Amer. Journ. Sci., vol. 258-A, p. 137) has speculated to the contrary and suggests that the predominance of species in our Western Pacific Arc is the result of a gradual "piling up" of species as they were drifted westward by ocean currents. We support the opposite view that the parent stocks and the majority, although not all, of late Pliocene and Pleistocene races originated in the Western Pacific Arc. A few undoubtedly originated in the Indian Ocean, while others may have started on the eastern edge of the arc. But even such endemic Micronesian and Polynesian species as *Strombus maculatus* have their ex-

tremely close relatives in the Miocene of Indonesia.

If Ladd's over-emphasis of the importance of the transportation powers of the equatorial currents and winds were to be applied to the Western Pacific Arc, we should certainly find a greater concentration of Micronesian-like species in the Ryukyu Islands and perhaps even the Marianas. In considering the migration of marine species, two factors must not be overlooked—the many millions of years involved, and the work of the counter currents. How else would several hundreds of Indo-Pacific species have found their way from either the central Pacific or the Western Pacific Arc all the way to the Tuamotu, Society and Marquesas Islands? Nor are there many malacologists ready to suggest that the few obviously Indo-Pacific elements in the Panamic Province (*Conus dalli*, *Cypraea isabella mexicana*, *Conus sponsalis nux*, etc.) are the "seeds" of the Indo-Pacific fauna. In the Caribbean, the concentration of the number of species certainly does not correspond with the activities of the Gulf Stream or other major currents. In fact, many formerly widespread Miocene species have retreated southeasterly against the currents and exist today only in the area of northwestern Venezuela (*Cypraea mus* Linné, *Strombina pumilio* Reeve, etc.).

In view of the presently known fossil record, recent distributions, and the migratory history of marine species in the Indo-Pacific and other oceans, we believe that the central part of the Western Pacific Arc (i.e. the Philippines or Indonesia) is the center of origin of most of the Pacific races and of some of the Indian Ocean races. The paucity in number of species in such areas as eastern Polynesia, the central atolls of the Indian Ocean, the Bahamas and such small coral islands as Grand Cayman Island (West Indies), Easter Island (eastern Polynesia) and Cocos-Keeling (Indian Ocean) are probably due to poor ecological conditions and not to the fact that they are isolated from migrant-carrying currents.

**Doubtful species of Strombus**

Faustino (1928, Monograph 25, Bureau of Science, Manila, pp. 211-214) lists 30 species of *Strombus* from the Philippines. He erroneously listed *Strombus hebraeus* Linné and *Strombus textile* Linné, doubtlessly meaning Linné's two well-known species of *Conus*. Some early authors prior to 1842 employed the genus *Strombus* to such modern genera as *Turris*, *Rissoina*, *Thiara*, *Fanus* and *Morum*.

**Strombus elatus Anton, 1839**

*Range*—Indo-Pacific?

*Remarks*—It would appear from Anton's description that this species is related to *vittatus* Linné or *labiosus* Wood. It was not figured. Anton lists *Strombus turritus* Lamarek, so it is not that form of *vittatus*.

*Synonymy*—

1839 *Strombus elatus* Anton, Verzeichniss der Conchylien, Halle, p. 85, no. 2799 (no locality).

**Strombus sulcatus Anton, 1839**

*Range*—Mexico [?].

*Remarks*—If from Mexico, this species may be a synonym of *Strombus gracilior* Sowerby or *S. pingilis* Linné. It was not figured and its description could apply to several species. Non *sulcatus* Holten, 1802.

*Synonymy*—

1839 *Strombus sulcatus* Anton, *loc. cit.*, p. 85, no. 2798 (Mexico).

**Strombus tubercularis Anton, 1839**

*Range*—Unknown; Indo-Pacific?

*Remarks*—This species was not illustrated and its description meagre, although it is quite possible that it is a synonym of the dwarf, knobbed form of *Strombus decorus* (Röding) from East Africa.

*Synonymy*—

1839 *Strombus tubercularis* Anton, *loc. cit.*, p. 86, no. 2813 (no locality).

**Strombus parvulus Krumbeck, 1906**

*Range*—Tertiary (weisser Versteinerungskalk) Tripoli.

*Remarks*—This is such a poorly preserved fossil that it is very doubtful that it is a *Strombus*.

*Synonymy*—

1906 *Strombus parvulus* Krumbeck, Palaeontographica, Stuttgart, vol. 53, p. 118 (Djebel Tar, Tripoli).

**Strombus labrosus Menke, 1829**

*Range*—Unknown.

*Remarks*—This is an unfigured dubious species which Mörch says is a variety of *luhuanns* Linné.

*Synonymy*—

1829 *Strombus labrosus* Menke, Verz. Conch.-Samml. Malsburg, p. 59, no. 1209; 1871, Mörch, Malak. Blätt., vol. 18, p. 127.

**Strombus glabratus Sowerby, 1842**

*Range*—West Africa from Angola to French Guinea.

*Remarks*—This species evidently belongs in the family Nassariidae and is the type of the genus *Naytia* H. and A. Adams, 1853. It is a synonym of *Naytia obliqua* (Kiener, 1841). However, Sowerby's name must continue in use, since Kiener's *Buccinum obliquum* is a homonym of *obliquum* Gmelin, 1791.

*Synonymy*—

1842 *Strombus glabratus* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyliorum, vol. 1, p. 32, pl. 8, figs. 66, 67 (no locality).

**Strombus moisei Cuvillier, 1930**

*Range*—Upper Eocene, Bartonian of Egypt.

*Remarks*—I doubt if this is a Strombidae, and, if I interpret the four columellar plicae correctly, it should be placed in the family Vasidae.

*Synonymy*—

1930 *Strombus moisei* Cuvillier, Mémoires l'Institut d'Egypte, vol. 16, pp. 253 and 323, pl. 20, figs. 15 and 16 (Ain Mouça, Bartonian of Egypt).

**Strombus altispirus King, 1953**

*Range*—Miocene of Zululand, South Africa.

*Remarks*—Not demonstrated, in my opinion, to be a *Strombus*.

*Synonymy*—

1953 *Strombus altispirus* King, Trans. and Proc. Geol. Soc. South Africa, vol. 56, p. 77, fig. 9, pl. 12, fig. 32 (Sapolwana, Zululand, Miocene).

**Strombus mimasakensis Yokoyama, 1929**

*Range*—Miocene or Pliocene of Japan.

*Remarks*—Based upon a single large broken shell which could be a *Melongena*, or possibly a *Strombus* resembling the fossil *S. maximum* Martin from Java.

*Synonymy*—

1929 *Strombus mimasakensis* Yokoyama, Journ. Faculty Sci. Imp. Univ. Tokyo, sect. 2, vol. 2, pt. 8, p. 366 (Mimasaka, Chugoku, Japan).

***Strombus martapurensis* K. Martin, 1889**

*Range*—Tertiary of Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This does not appear to be a *Strombus*, and possibly not even a member of the family.

*Synonymy*—

1889 *Strombus martapurensis* K. Martin, Jaarboek Mijnwegen in Nederland. Oost-Indie, Amsterdam, vol. 18, p. 66, pl. 20, fig. 13; 1889, Samml. Geol. Reichsmus. Leiden, 1st series, vol. 4, p. 189, pl. 20, fig. 13.

***Strombus bivaricosus* Nomura, 1935**

*Range*—Pliocene of Taiwan.

*Remarks*—Nomura likened this possible juvenile form to *S. sondeianus* Martin. It may also be the young of *S. taiwanicus* Yabe and Hatai, 1941.

*Synonymy*—

1935 *Strombus bivaricosus* Nomura, Science Reports Tohoku Imperial Univ. Sendai, 2nd ser., vol. 18, no. 2, p. 178, pl. 8, figs. 14 a, 14 b (Byoritu Beds, Pliocene, 1000 meters S.E. of Hakusyaton, Taiwan).

***Strombus sondeianus* Martin, 1906**

*Range*—Pliocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This is possibly the young of *Strombus fennemai* Martin.

*Synonymy*—

1906 *Strombus sondeianus* K. Martin, Samml. Geol. Reichsmus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 9, p. 319, pl. 45, figs. 739, 740 (Sonde, Java, Pliocene).

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### Subgenus *Strombus* Linné, 1758

Type: *Strombus pugilis* Linné, 1758

The typical subgenus of *Strombus* is not, in our opinion, represented in the Recent Indo-Pacific. It exists in tropical American waters—*pugilis* Linné 1758, and *alatus* Gmelin, 1791, of the Caribbean and Florida, respectively; and *gracilior* Sowerby, 1825, of the tropical Eastern Pacific. This stock has been in the Caribbean for a long time in the form of such Miocene species as *Strombus proximus* Sowerby, 1850, *bifrons* Sowerby, 1850, and *pugiloides* Guppy, 1873.

There appears to be some close conchological kinship between the above species and the Indonesian Miocene species *Strombus variginensis* Martin. From this stock, it appears that *Strombus canarium* of the Recent Indo-Pacific could have arisen, especially when the sculpture and color patterns of the Caribbean Miocene *proximus* and *canarium* are compared. However, I find no very close relationships between the radulae and soft parts of *pugilis* and *canarium*, and, hence, have arbitrarily accepted *Laevistrombus* as a valid subgenus for *canarium*.

*Strombus* sensu stricto is characterized by solid, medium-sized shells with a broadly fusiform shape, a single row of shoulder spines and a smooth columella. The operculum is strongly serrated. The accessory pad of the penis bears a peculiar prong. The central tooth of the radula is quadrate; the lateral very stout, conic and without smaller cusps;

and the two marginals thin, narrow and with 5 to 8 denticles.

The Western Atlantic species were treated by Clench and Abbott in *Johnsonia*, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 1-16, 1941. I would modify that treatment by accepting *alatus* Gmelin, 1791, as a full species, and by considering *nicaraguensis* Fluck, 1905, as merely a form of *pugilis*.

#### Synonymy—

- 1758 *Strombus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 742, no. 289. Type by subsequent designation (Montfort, 1810); *Strombus pugilis* Linné; also possibly Lamarck 1799, p. 72 who listed only *pugilis* Linné.  
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### Subgenus *Laevistrombus* Kira, 1955

Type: *Strombus canarium* Linné, 1758

This subgenus appears to be limited to the Indo-Pacific, and contains only one living species—*canarium* Linné. Six fossil species, described from the Miocene and Pliocene of Indonesia and India, appear to belong to this group.

The shells are thick, generally rotund and inclined to be smoothish. The columella is smooth, the outer lip thick. The operculum bear 7 to 8 small serrations. The penis is a simple prong, usually dark-maroon or brown in color. The central radular tooth is ovoid; the lateral with a basal peg, and the marginals thin and with only 2 or 3 cusps.

The group does not seem to have survived in, or

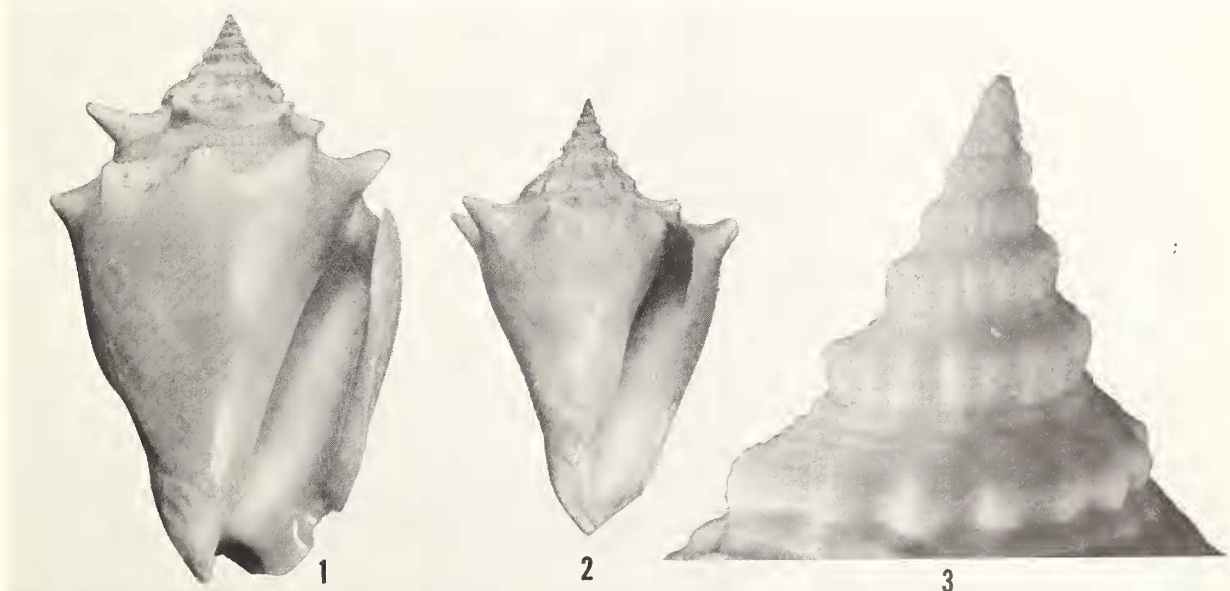


Plate 21. *Strombus pugilis* Linné, type of the genus *Strombus* Linné, 1758. Santo Domingo, West Indies. 1, adult. 2,

immature. 3, enlargement of apex. 1 and 2, slightly reduced.

possibly ever reached, East Africa or the Red Sea. Odhner, 1919, probably erroneously reported *canarium* from Madagascar.

*Synonymy*—

1955 *Laevistrombus* Kira, Coloured Illust. of the Shells of Japan, Osaka, ed. 1, p. 31; 1959, *ibid.*, ed. 2, p. 36. Type hereby designated: *Strombus canarium* Linné.

*Strombus canarium* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 17, figs. 15, 16; pls. 12, 22, 23, 24)

*Range*—Southern India to Australia and Malesia, and north to Japan.

*Remarks*—This well-known species is usually abundant wherever it occurs. It is not a coral-water species, but rather is associated with larger islands and continental shores where sandy mud exists. Its heavy, smooth brownish shell, its white smooth aperture and its thick, winged outer lip are the distinguishing characters.

This species is very often variable in size, shape and color pattern. The length of adult shells in some colonies (Japan Id., Dutch New Guinea) may not exceed 40 mm., while on nearby Socpiori Id., Schouten Id., Dutch New Guinea, the median adult length is 86 mm. Some colonies exhibit a wide range in size (Tabaco, Albay Prov., Luzon Id., Philippines) from 42 to 98 mm. There are two color forms which may occur in the same individual at different stages of growth, one of a network of light or dark-brown streaks, the other of a unicolor wash of light (or rarely dark) yellow-brown. The latter color form is more common in larger specimens.

The netted form is the typical *canarium*; the plain color phase is the form *turturella* (Röding) and *isabella* Lamarck. The spires of the shells may also vary, some being high and with more angular peripheries, others being short and more flat-sided. Although some authors have considered the above forms as separate species, I can find many intergrades, combining characters, and no geographical pattern. Shells from New Caledonia and Queensland are commonly (although not all) very darkly colored. The aluminum-like glaze on the apertural lip is a sign of maturity or old age which is probably also correlated with diet or water conditions.

*Habitat*—Lives in large colonies on sandy mud and algae bottoms from low tide mark to a depth of about 20 feet. Risbec (1935, vol. 60, p. 409) describes the egg mass as a long, entangled, single, gelatinous tube with a single row of ova.

*Description*—Adult shell 31 to 97 mm. (1¼ to 3¾ inches) in length, solid, heavy, globose, smooth, light-brown and with a flaring lip. Nuclear whorls 3, smooth, translucent whitish, yellow or tan, and rounded. Postnuclear whorls brown, moderately rounded, and with either 7 to 9 spiral cords or wide, incised lines. Numerous axial riblets may be present to form a gross reticulate pattern. By the second or third whorl, only incised spiral lines are present, and the remaining whorls are sculptureless, except for 6 to 15 weak spiral threads or incised lines at the base of the shell. Apex with 4 to 16 swollen, whitish, rounded, former varices, the early ones being spirally incised or corded, the later ones inclined to be smoothish. Penultimate whorl flat-tish, rounded, or barely angular. Last whorl roundly

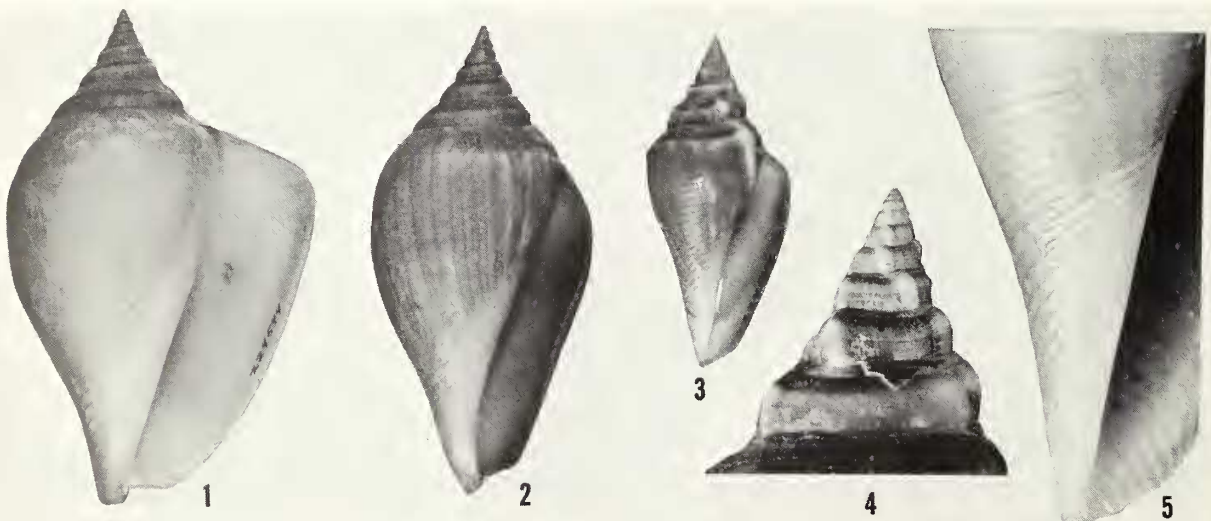


Plate 22. Figs. 1-5, *Strombus canarium* Linné, Cubat, Luzon Id., Philippines. Fig. 1, almost mature, remaining figures

represent immature specimens. All natural size.



swollen at the shoulder. Color of shell variable; either a uniform light yellow-brown or chestnut, or densely covered with a fine, zigzag network of darker brown. Columella straight, swollen, glazed, smooth and enamel-white. Outer lip thick, rounded, and its upper end projecting slightly upward. It and the parietal wall may have a brown or gray, aluminum-like glaze. Siphonal canal short. Stromboid notch very shallow. Periostracum rather thick, reticulated, yellow-brown and fimbriated at the sutures. Opereulum stromboid, dark-brown, one third the length of the shell, slightly arching and with 7 to 8 weak serrations.

Radula ribbon 4 mm. in length, with 40 to 45 rows of teeth, and amber to wine-red in color. Formula: 3-1-3; 1-5 to 1-9 (plus peg); 3; 2. Verge simple and with a broad swollen distal end; dark-maroon in color. Posterior mantle filament small.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
97.0	62.1	9+	(giant; Luzon Id.)
90.1	51.0	9+	(large; Schouten Ids.)
67.5	40.0	10	(average; Luzon Id.)
31.0	22.2	6+	(small; New Guinea)

#### Synonymy—

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*Types*—"The type specimen of *canarium*, marked by Linnaeus, is found in the Linnaean collection in London at the Linnaean Society of London" (Dodge, 1956, p. 276). We hereby designate Amboina, Indonesia, as the type locality, since Linnaeus merely gave "In O. Asiae".

*Nomenclature*—Under our remarks we discussed our reasons for considering *isabella* Lamarck as merely a form of *canarium*. Even if accepted as a subspecies, Lamarck's *isabella* would have to take the earlier name of *turturella* (Röding, 1798).

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 23). Solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—INDIA: Coa (J. E. Bridwell, USNM); Pamban and Tuticorn, Gulf of Manaar (E. Thurston, 1895, p. 125). CEYLON: Karaitivu Id., and Trineomalee (George and Mary Kline, NSF). ANDAMANS: Port Blair (W. N. Carpenter, USNM). SINGAPORE: muddy sand, algae, intertidal at Tanak Merah Besar (R. D. Purchon, ANSP). THAILAND: Gulf of Siam: Sutamarat; Taluei Id.; Bangbert Bay; Koh Samui; Koh Samit; Lem Sing (all USNM). CHINA: Cheefoo (Yen-tai) (Ping and Yen, 1932, p. 48 [accurate?]). HONG KONG: S.W. of Um Id., Rocky Harbour (A. J. Staple, ANSP). JAPAN: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu Id. (T. Habe, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: common on most of the islands: Luzon; Leyte; Samar; Catanduanes; Negros; Basilan; Panay; Palawan; Balabac; Polillo; Busuanga; Mindoro; Mindanao; Cuyo (ANSP and USNM). INDONESIA: (see Oostingh, 1923, p. 82 for many records). Sarawak, Borneo (MCZ). AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Port Douglas (Tony Marsh, ANSP); Bedford Beach, Cooktown (MCZ); Hayman Id., Cumberland Group (MCZ). NEW CALEDONIA: Touho Bay; Baie des Prunes; Baie de l'Orphelinat (all G. and M. Kline, 1958, NSF). NEW HEBRIDES: Lamap, Mallicolo Id. (C. Massoulard, ANSP). [Records, such as Odhner, 1919, p. 35, for the western part of the Indian Ocean are probably based on mixtures or misidentifications.]

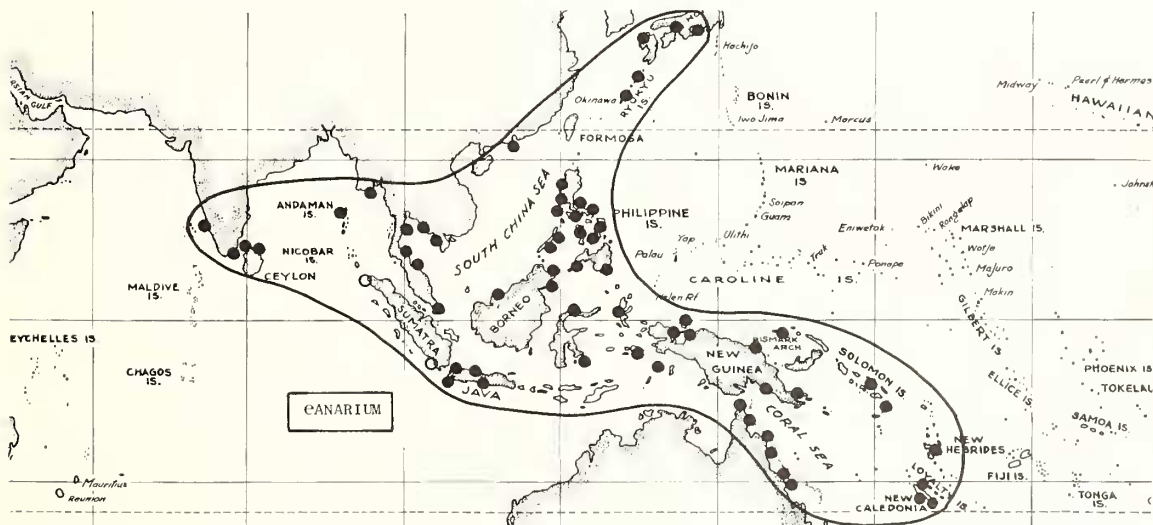


Plate 23. Geographical distribution of *Strombus canarium* Linné.

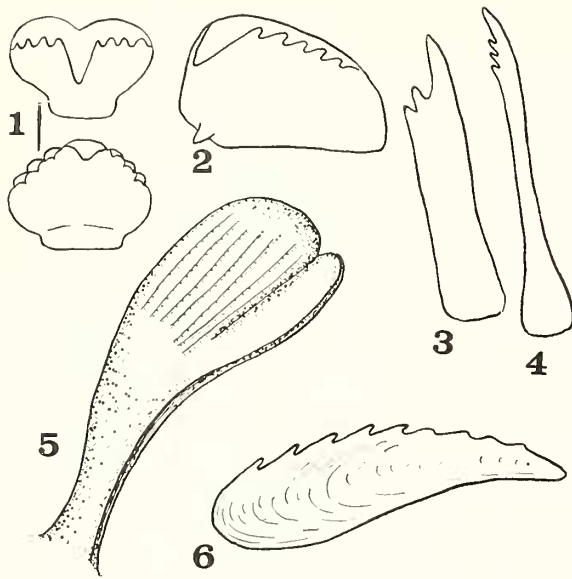


Plate 24. *Strombus canarium* Linné, New Caledonia. Fig. 1, central radular tooth (two views). 2, lateral, showing basal peg. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, verge. 6, operculum.

*Fossil records*—Schepman (1907, p. 185) reports this species from the Posttertiary of the Celebes. Altena (1942, vol. 22, pp. 47-49) reports *canarium* from the Pliocene of New Guinea, Indonesia and the Philippines, but certainly some of these are *variginensis*. Dickerson's Vigo Group, Luzon Id. specimens are probably *variginensis*. True *canarium* occurs in the upper Pliocene of Niki-Niki, Timor, Indonesia (Tesch, 1920, p. 48, pl. 129, fig. 165). Tesch also claims that it occurs at Nias Island (off west Sumatra); Sondé, Java; Corontalo, Celebes; Fialarang, Timor; and Cheribon, Java, although I have not seen these specimens nor figures of them. Beets (1948, *Basteria*, vol. 12, p. 8) records five Quaternary specimens from Goenoeng Mendong, eastern Borneo. Abrard (1946, p. 59, pl. 4, fig. 23) records this species as *isabella* from the Nua River Pliocene on Malekula Id., New Hebrides.

### *Strombus variginensis* Martin, 1899

*Range*—Pliocene of Java and Borneo, Indonesia, and Luzon Island, Philippines.

*Remarks*—This and the following fossil species are related to the Recent *Strombus canarium* Linné or possibly *vittatus* Linné.

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1899 *Strombus (Strombus) variginensis* K. Martin, *Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge*, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 184, pl. 30, figs. 426-429 (Tji Djadjar, Cheribon Residence, Java, here designated as the type locality).
- 1922 *Strombus canarium* L., Dickerson, *Philippine Journal of Science*, vol. 20, p. 202, pl. 5, fig. 3 (Vigo Group, Upper Miocene, Luzon Id.).
- 1935 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) variginensis variginensis* K. Martin, Oostingh, *Wetenschappelijke Mededeel.*, no. 26 (Dienst van den Mijnbouw in Nederl.-Indie), p. 56; 1948, Cox, *Schweizerische Palaeontologische Abhandl.*, vol. 66, p. 25, pl. 2, figs. 3, a, b (Dent Peninsula, Borneo).

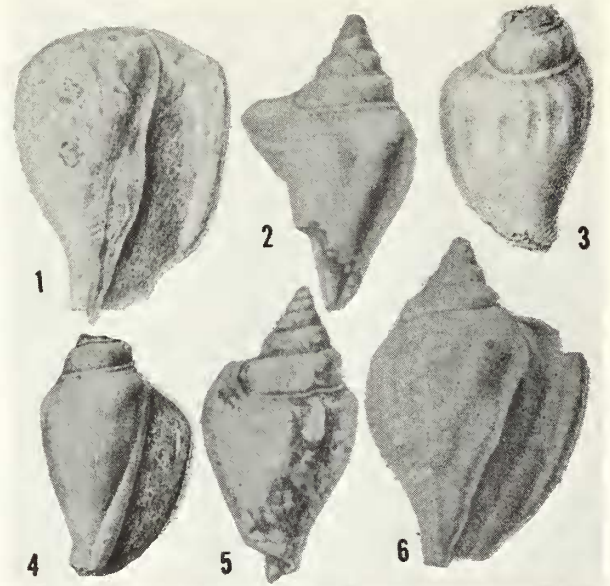


Plate 25. Figs. 1 and 5, *Strombus variginensis* Martin. Types from the Pliocene of Java. (from K. Martin, 1899, pl. 30, figs. 427, 428). Figs. 2 and 6, *S. variginensis martini* Oostingh (type of *S. isabella* var. *thersites* Martin, non Swainson; from K. Martin, 1899, pl. 30, figs. 423, 424; Pliocene of Java). Figs. 3 and 4, *Strombus glaber* Martin. Types from the Upper Miocene of Java. (from K. Martin, 1879, pl. 9, fig. 6). All natural size.

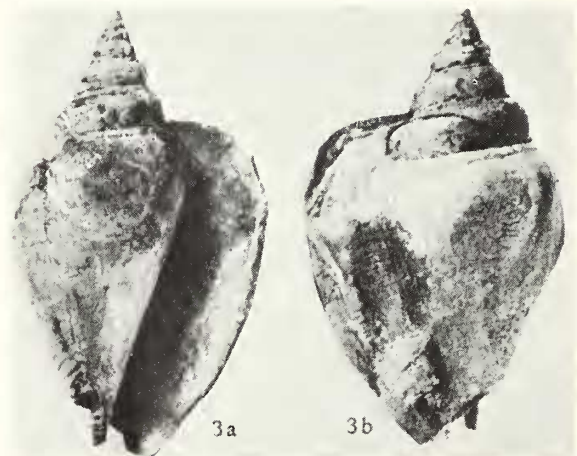


Plate 26. *Strombus variginensis* Martin. Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 3a, 3b).  $\times 2$ .

### *Strombus variginensis subspecies martini* Oostingh, 1935

*Range*—Pliocene of Java, Sumatra, Borneo and Quaternary of New Guinea.

*Remarks*—This was originally named *thersites* Martin, 1899 (non Swainson, 1823). Oostingh considered it a subspecies of *variginensis*; Cox raised it to specific rank despite the presence of the two, only slightly differing, in the same fossil bed in Borneo. It is probably only a form.

*Synonymy*—

- 1899 *Strombus isabella* Lam. var. *thersites* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 184, pl. 30, figs. 423-425 (Java, Pliocene). Non Swainson, 1823.
- 1935 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) varinginensis martini* Oostingh, Wetenschappelijke Mededeelingen, no. 26 (Dienst van den Mijnbouw in Nederlandsch-Indie), p. 57 (new name); 1942, Oostingh, Leidsche Geologische Mededeel., vol. 22, p. 49.
- 1948 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) martini* Oostingh, Cox, Schweizerisch Palaeontologische Abhandl., vol. 66, p. 24, pl. 2, figs. 9a, b (Borneo, Pliocene).

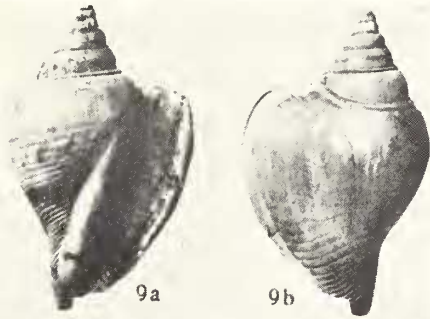


Plate 27. *Strombus martini* Oostingh. Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 9a, 9b). Natural size.

*Strombus overbecki* Cox, 1948

*Range*—Pliocene of Borneo.

*Remarks*—Quite possibly a malformed specimen of *varinginensis* Martin.

*Synonymy*—

- 1948 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) overbecki* Cox, Schweizerisch Palaeontologische Abhandl., vol. 66, p. 26, pl. 2, fig. 7 (7 km. inland from Dent Haven, Dent Peninsula, Borneo).

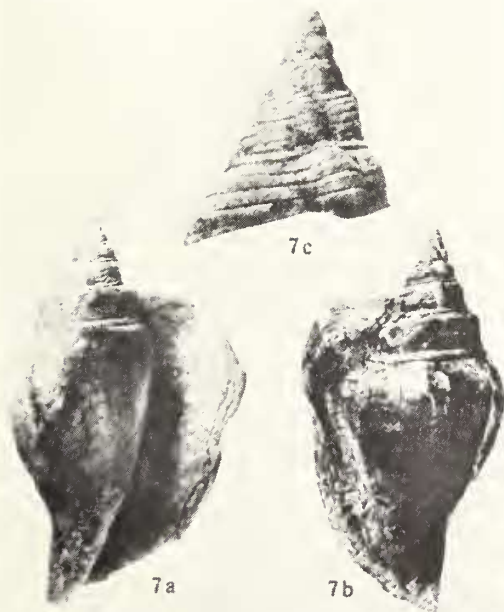


Plate 28. *Strombus overbecki* Cox. Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. Adult, holotype. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 7, a, b, c). Natural size.

*Strombus glaber* Martin, 1879

*Range*—Upper Mioene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—Allied to *S. varinginensis* Martin. From the Tjilangang beds, Upper Mioene of Java (van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 246).

*Synonymy*—

- 1879 *Strombus glaber* K. Martin, Die Tertiärschichten auf Java, Leiden, p. 49, pl. 9, fig. 6 (Java); 1905, *ibid.*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 9, p. 319, pl. 45, fig. 738 (Palabuan-ratu, Java, Pliocene).

*Strombus karikalensis* Cossmann, 1903

*Range*—Fossil (Pliocene) of southeast India.

*Remarks*—Allied to *Strombus varinginensis martini* Oostingh. Other than its smoothish spire, this shell resembles the Recent *S. vittatus vittatus* Linné.

*Synonymy*—

- 1903 *Strombus karikalensis* Cossmann, Journ. de Conchyl., vol. 51, p. 164, pl. 6, figs. 12, 13 (Karikal, French India).

*[These occasional blank areas occur between genera and subgenera to permit the insertion of new material and future sections in their proper systematic sequence.]*

### Subgenus *Tricornis* Jousseau, 1886

Type: *Strombus tricornis* Humphrey, 1786

Members of this subgenus, whose type is *tricornis* Humphrey, are variable in size, shape of the outer lip, and details of the apical sculpturing. The subgenus has within it several species-groups, but, because so many of the so-called generic characters appear in random combination within almost any one species, it would be impossible to recognize additional subgenera without erecting one for each species. In general, the subgenus *Tricornis* is characterized by large, heavy shells which have prominent axial knobs, a smooth columella, and a fairly thick, usually deciduous periostracum. The operculum is proportionately broad and its edge smooth or with very weak, almost obsolete, serrations. The radular teeth are strong; the central with a large middle cusp, flanked on either side by 1, 2 or 3 smaller cusps. The lateral lacks a distinct, basal peg, and the two marginals are relatively broad with 4 to 6 large cusps.

The tropical Western Atlantic contains *costatus* Gmelin, 1791, *raninus* Gmelin, 1791, *goliath* Schröter, 1805 (= Dillwyn, 1823, Sowerby, 1842), *gallus* Linné, 1758, and *gigas* Linné, 1758. The tropical Eastern Pacific contains *peruvianus* Swainson, 1823, and *galeatus* Swainson, 1823 (allied to *goliath*, Recent, Brasil). The Indo-Pacific contains *tricornis* Humphrey, 1786 (from the Red Sea), *thersites* Swainson, 1823, *taurus* Reeve, 1857 and *sinuatus* Humphrey, 1786.

The earliest fossil recorded is *inflatus* Martin, 1879, from the Lower Miocene of Java. It, *herklotsi* Martin, 1880, and *tjilonganeus* Martin, 1899 from the Miocene of Java, and *trigonus* Grateloup from the European Dax Lower Miocene are probably forerunners of *tricornis* and *costatus*. Also related are *Strombus haitensis* Sowerby, 1849, (Miocene, Santo Domingo), *galliformis* Pilsbry and Johnson, 1917 (Miocene, Santo Domingo), *dominator* Pilsbry and Johnson, 1917 (Miocene, Santo Domingo), *chipolaus* Dall, 1900 (Florida, Pliocene), and *leidy* Heilprin, 1887, (Pliocene of Caloosahatchee, Florida). The latter is represented by a recent form or subspecies in Bermuda's isolated, cooler water.

*Strombus fortisi* var. *valdetuberculatus* Innocenti (Boll. Soc. Geol. Ital., vol. 47, p. 60, pl. 2, fig. 6) reported from the Eocene of Ronca, Italy, is based upon a poor and almost unidentifiable specimen. *Strombus bravardi* Borchert, 1901, from Brazil is not a *Strombus*.

### Synonymy—

- 1886 *Tricornis* Jousseau, Le Naturaliste, Paris, 1st series, vol. 3, 8th year, no. 28, p. 220. Type by monotypy: *Tricornis tricornis* Lamarck = *tricornis* Humphrey, 1786; 1888 Jousseau, Mém. Soc. Zool. de France, vol. 1, p. 174.
- 1921 *Lobatus* "Swainson" Iredale, 1921, Proc. Mal. Soc. London, vol. 14, p. 208. Type by monotypy: *Strombus bituberculatus* Lamarck = *raninus* Gmelin, 1791.
- 1929 *Aliger* Thiele, Handbuch Systemat. Weichtierkunde, Jena, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 254. Type by monotypy: *Strombus gallus* Linné.
- 1940 *Eustrombus* (subgenus of *Strombus*) Wenz, Handbuch der Paläozoologie, lief. 6, band 6, p. 945. Type by original designation: *Strombus gigas* Linné.

**Nomenclature**—Iredale stumbled into *Lobatus* and first validated it in 1921 when he erroneously assumed that the name had appeared as a genus in 1837, presumably belonging to Swainson. In the anonymous "Catalogue of the Foreign Shells in the Possession of the Manchester Natural History Society (Manchester?, 1837) there appears on page 75 the line "[*Strombus*] *bituberculatus* (*Lobatus*, Swainson)." *S. lobatus* Swainson, 1822 is known to be a synonym of *bituberculatus* Lamarck, and the name in parentheses probably refers to this species, since on page 76 another synonym is listed with a capital letter: "[*Strombus*] *exustus* (*Papilio*) Lamarck," and not meant as a genus name.

### *Strombus tricornis* Humphrey, 1786

(Pl. 17, figs. 6, 7; pl. 29, figs. 1, 2)

**Range**—Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

**Remarks**—The rather heavy, strongly knobbed shell with its single spine protruding from the upper and outer corner of the outer lip is distinct for this moderately common species from the Red Sea area. The elongate, axially pinched knob on the center of the dorsum is always the largest. The color of the aperture and outer shell is quite variable, the former ranging from white to tan to weak rosy tan, and the latter from white to strongly flecked and suffused with soft browns. Old specimens are apt to have a brownish aluminum-like glaze around the aperture. Adults vary greatly in size.

We have been unable to verify records in the old literature of this species occurring in Réunion, Mauritius, the Seychelles and the West Indies. It is interesting to note that a figure was published of this species over 400 years ago.

**Habitat**—Little is known about its habitat, except that it occurs in shallow water just below the low tide line.

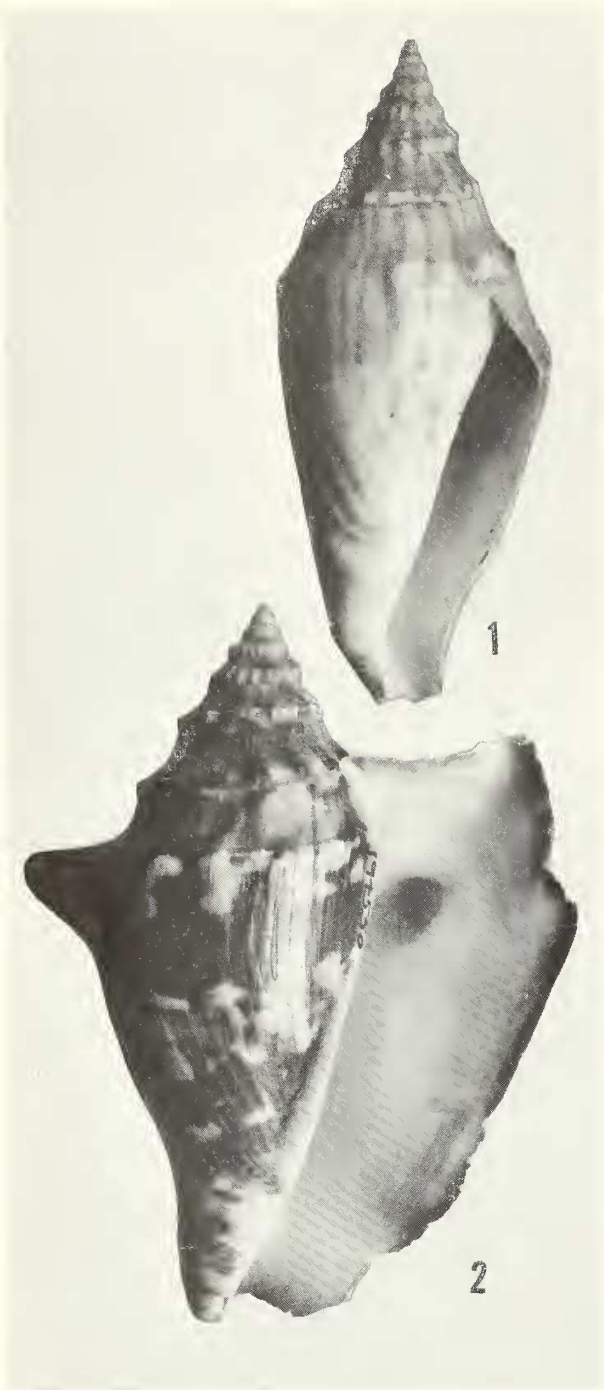


Plate 29. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus tricornis* Humphrey, immatures, Port Sudan, Red Sea. Both natural size.

*Description*—Adult shell 64 to 125 mm. ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches) in length, solid, moderately heavy, with large blunt spines on the body whorl, and with a long, triangular projection on the upper and outer end of the outer lip. Color of shell whitish with varying degrees of black-brown to light brown flecks, maculations or axial streaks. Rarely albin-

istic. Whorls 10. Nuclear whorls 2, smooth, translucent white. Postnuclear whorls carinate, bearing numerous axial riblets which become small knobs (12 to 16 per whorl) just above the minutely indented suture in later whorls. Early whorls with 15 to 20 microscopic threads which become obsolete in the last whorl. Spire rarely with 2 or 3 small, whitish former varices. Shoulder of body whorl with 3 to 4 rather large, pyramidal knobs, the last one usually small, and the second to last one being the largest, slanting and axially pinched. Parietal wall glazed. Columella smooth, white or tinged with tan, rose or lavender. Interior of aperture, smooth enamel-white, rarely tan, orangish or pinkish, and having at the top of the body whorl a sunken, spiral depression or trough. Outer lip thick, somewhat wavy and with its upper and outer end produced into a long triangular to elongate spine which is longer than the spire. Siphonal canal short. Stromboid notch broadly U-shaped. Periostracum moderately thin, somewhat rough, and apt to flake off when dry. Operculum and soft parts unknown.

*Measurements (mm.)*—(excluding spine)

length	width	no. whorls	
63.9	46.0	9	(small; Red Sea)
101.5	82.1	9+	(average; Red Sea)
125.0	96.2	8+	(large; Red Sea)

*Synonymy*—

- 1558 *Murex lacteus* Rondelet, De Natura Aquatiliun Carmen . . . Lugduni, p. 37 (non-binomial).  
 1786 *Strombus tricornis* Humphrey, Portland Catalogue, London, p. 5, no. 50 (no locality); refers to Chemnitz Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 843-845 and Lister, fig. 873.  
 1807 *Strombus tricornis* G. Fischer, Museum Demidoff, Moscow, p. 188 (Jamaïque); refers to Davila, p. 183, and Chemnitz Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 843-845.  
 1816 *Strombus tricornis* Lamarck, Le Liste, p. 3; pl. 408, fig. 1 of Encyclopéd. Méthod. (no locality); 1954, P.-H. Fischer, Jour. de Conchyl., vol. 94, no. 4, pp. 152-153.  
 1844 *Strombus orientalis* "Jonston", Duclos, in Chenu, Illus. Conchyl., vol. 4, *Strombus*, p. 15, pl. 18, figs. 5 and 6, pl. 21, figs. 1 and 2 (Les Antilles).  
 1844 *Strombus pertinax* Duclos, in Chenu, Illus. Conchyl., vol. 4, p. 15, pl. 29, figs. 1, 2 (no locality given).

*Types*—Humphrey's type was sold at public auction in 1786, and its whereabouts is unknown to us. No locality was given, so we hereby designate the Red Sea as the type locality. G. Fischer's type may be in the zoological museum of the University of Moscow. He referred to a figure in Chemnitz of our *tricornis*, but his locality of "Jamaïque" suggests an error in datum or that he had *Strombus gallus* Linné from the West Indies.

**Nomenclature**—The author of *tricornis* is sometimes listed as Solander, sometimes as Humphrey. We prefer the latter, since we believe he wrote the Portland Catalogue and merely consulted Solander's manuscript card file for names.

**Records**—RED SEA: Aqaba, Israel (Fischer, 1870, p. 162). Ras Domeirah, Assab Bay, Dahlac Archipelago (Issel and T.-Canefri, 1876, p. 340). Port Sudan (ANSP). 20 miles north of Jidda, Saudi Arabia (C. Aslakson, ANSP). Ras Banas, Egypt (USNM). Massara, Eritrea (MCZ). GULF OF ADEN: Djibouti (MCZ); Berbera (USNM). [Records for the Seychelles, Amirantes, Réunion, Andamans, Philippines and West Indies are unverified and the latter two certainly erroneous.]

**Fossil records**—SUDAN: raised coral reefs, Port Sudan. Pleistocene (Hall and Standen, 1907, p. 67). EGYPT: Pleistocene, beach 80 ft. alt., Wadi Gueh (R. B. Newton, 1900, p. 508). FRENCH SOMALIA: Pleistocene, Loyada; Doumeira; Ras Doumeira (Abrard, 1942, vol. 18, p. 63, pl. 6, fig. 35).

***Strombus thersites* Swainson, 1823**

(Pl. 17, figs. 1, 2)

**Range**—Ryukyu Islands, New Caledonia (and Society Islands?)

**Remarks**—This is one of the rarest of the large *Strombus* of the Indo-Pacific. It is heavy and massive like *latissimus*, but has a less developed outer lip, is lighter in color, and its angle of spire is about 45, rather than 70 to 75, degrees. The knobs on the spire are fewer, more pronounced and more or less evenly developed throughout the entire spire. The two Society Island records are open to question. It may occur in the areas between the Ryukyu Islands and New Caledonia. It occurred in Fiji during the Pliocene.

**Habitat**—Kira (1959, p. 37) reports that it occurs at a depth from 5 to 10 fathoms.

**Description**—Shell 110 to 146 mm. (4 to 6 inches) in length, massive, with a heavy outer lip, its spire with small knobs, and its body whorl with one large and 2 small knobs. Color of shell whitish with sparse, somewhat zigzag, light yellow-brown streaks. Aperture and columella enamel white, rarely with an aluminum-like glaze. Whorls about 11; spire angle about 45 degrees. Nuclear whorls not observed. First few postnuclear whorls with numerous axial riblets. The last 4 whorls (but not the body whorl) each bear just above the wavy suture 9 to 11 prominent, smoothish, rounded knobs which gradually increase in size. Spiral sculpture absent or extremely weak. A few former varices may be present in the apex. Last whorl with one large, longitudinally pinched knob on the left side of the shoulder. The dorsum bears one to three slightly raised, weak nodules. Columella, aperture, and outer lip smooth and with a white enamel glaze. Top of outer lip moderately produced. Middle of outer lip thick, glazed and with 5 to 7 light brown color bars. Stromboid notch deep and well-developed. Periostracum very thin, smooth and translucent tan. Operculum and soft parts unknown.

**Measurements (mm.)—**

length	width	no. whorls	
145	90	8?	(from Wilkins; lectotype)
146	86	9	(large; Okinawa)
142	94	9	(large; New Caledonia)
134	78	9	(average; Okinawa)
110	78	8	(small; Okinawa)

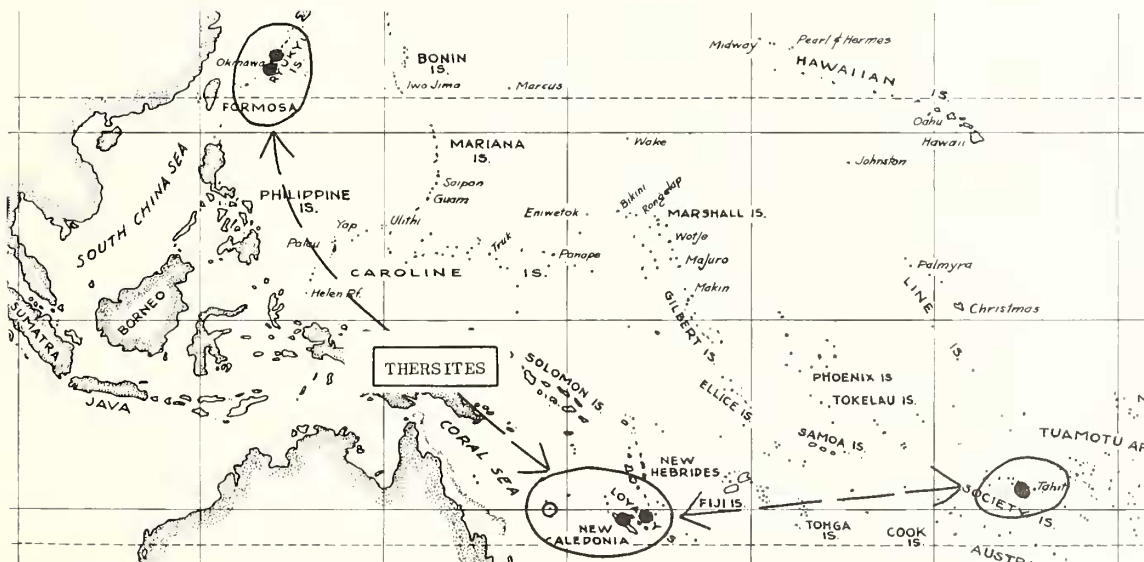


Plate 30. Geographical distribution of *Strombus thersites* Swainson. There are also two literature records for Queens-

land, Australia.

*Synonymy*—

- 1823 *Strombus thersites* Swainson, The Philosophical Magazine, vol. 62, p. 401 (New Caledonia); 1951, Wilkins, Proc. Mal. Soc. London, vol. 28, pt. 6, p. 238, pl. 29.
- 1828 *Strombus thersites* Wood, Index Testacol. Suppl., London, p. 14, pl. 4, fig. 17 (locality unknown).
- 1842 *Strombus thersites* Cray, Reeve, Conchologia Systematica, vol. 2, pl. 249, fig. 1, p. 206.
- 1842 *Strombus ponderosus* Philippi, Abbild. Beschr. Conchyl., vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 7, pls. 2 and 3 (Oceanus Pacificus).
- 1885 *Strombus (Euprotomus) ponderosus* Phil., Tryon., Manual of Conchology, vol. 7, p. 111.

*Types*—New Caledonia is the type locality. Wilkins, 1951, designated and illustrated the lectotype (Cracherode collection, 1799) now in the British Museum (no. 1950. 11. 15. 1).

*Locality records* (see accompanying map, pl. 30)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Amami Id. (Kira, 1959, p. 37); Okinawa Id. (A. A. Scott and A. R. Cahn, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: (ANSP; BM; MCZ); Touho (D. Cetz). Brampton



Plate 31. *Strombus maximus* Martin. Java, Indonesia. Miocene. (from K. Martin, 1883, pl. 9, fig. 1).  $\times \frac{1}{2}$ .

Reef, 19° 51' S; 158° 20' E. (J. Brazier, 1871, p. 585). LOYALTY ISLANDS: Chepenehe, Lifu (D. Cetz). SOCIETY ISLANDS: Island of Oheteroa, H. Cuming (Wilkins, 1951, p. 239); (also Schmeltz in Mus. Codefroy, 1874, cat. 5). AUSTRALIA: Ribbon Reef, Qld. (T. Hartley, *in litt.*).

*Fossil records*—Ladd and Hoffmeister, 1945, p. 361 report a fossil which is closely allied to *thersites* from Lakemba Id., Lau Group (Fiji) in the Futuna limestone (Miocene or Pliocene). They erroneously likened it to the Red Sea *S. tricornis*.

***Strombus maximus* Martin, 1883**

*Range*—Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.



Plate 32. *Strombus maximus* Martin. Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia. (from K. Martin, 1899, pl. 28, fig. 407).  $\times \frac{1}{2}$ .



*Remarks*—This massive, foot-long (270 mm.) *Strombus* is possibly the progenitor of the Recent *Strombus thersites*. The apex is very similar to that of *thersites*, but is unlike that of *Strombus gigas* Linné of the West Indies as Martin had suggested. The dorsal side of the body whorl bears 3 or 4 large, pyramidal tubercles or spines, a feature absent in *thersites*. Upper Miocene of Java (Tjilangang beds) according to van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 247.

*Synonymy*—

1883 *Strombus maximus* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichsmus. Leiden, 1st ser., vol. 1, p. 195, pl. 9, fig. 1 (Tertiary of Java: Gunung Sela and Tjidamar; Batavia); 1899, Martin, *ibid.*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 175, pls. 28, 29, figs. 407, 407a (Solo, Java).

***Strombus latissimus* Linné, 1758**

(Pl. 17, fig. 5, pl. 33, fig. 1)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands to the Philippines and to Fiji.

*Remarks*—This is the largest and heaviest of the Indo-Pacific *Strombus*, although it is smaller than either *S. goliath* Schröter, 1805 (Archiv. Zool. Zoot., vol. 4, p. 139) of Brazil or *galeatus* Swainson, 1823 from the Eastern Pacific. *S. latissimus* is considered uncommon, perhaps because it lives well below the low tide line. It is readily recognized by its

heaviness, by its broad, thick outer lip which sweeps up beyond the spire, and by its brownish outer coloring. It might be confused with *S. thersites* but the latter has a shorter lip, and its spire angle is about 45 degrees (instead of 70 to 75 degrees as in *latissimus*).

*Habitat*—Little is known of the habitat, although Philippine collectors have informed me that they must dive in 12 to 24 feet of water to collect it. Kira (1959, p. 37) reports that it lives from 5 to 10 fathoms in the Ryukyu Islands.

*Description*—Adult shell from 120 to 204 mm. (5 to 8 inches) in length, massive, heavy, rotund, with a broad, thick, flaring lip, yellow-brown to chocolate-brown in color, and with a smooth, tan and whitish aperture. Whorls 11. Nuclear whorls unknown. Angle of spire about 70 to 75 degree. Early whorls pinkish, strongly carinate and with numerous small knobs (22 to 17) on the periphery just above the indented suture. Spiral threads 8 to 12, but absent in later whorls. In the penultimate whorl these knobs become larger, rounded and fewer, rarely absent. Body whorl with one very large, but low, rounded knob at the shoulder on the left side of the whorl not far from the slightly glazed parietal wall. Dorsum roundly swollen. Outer side of lip

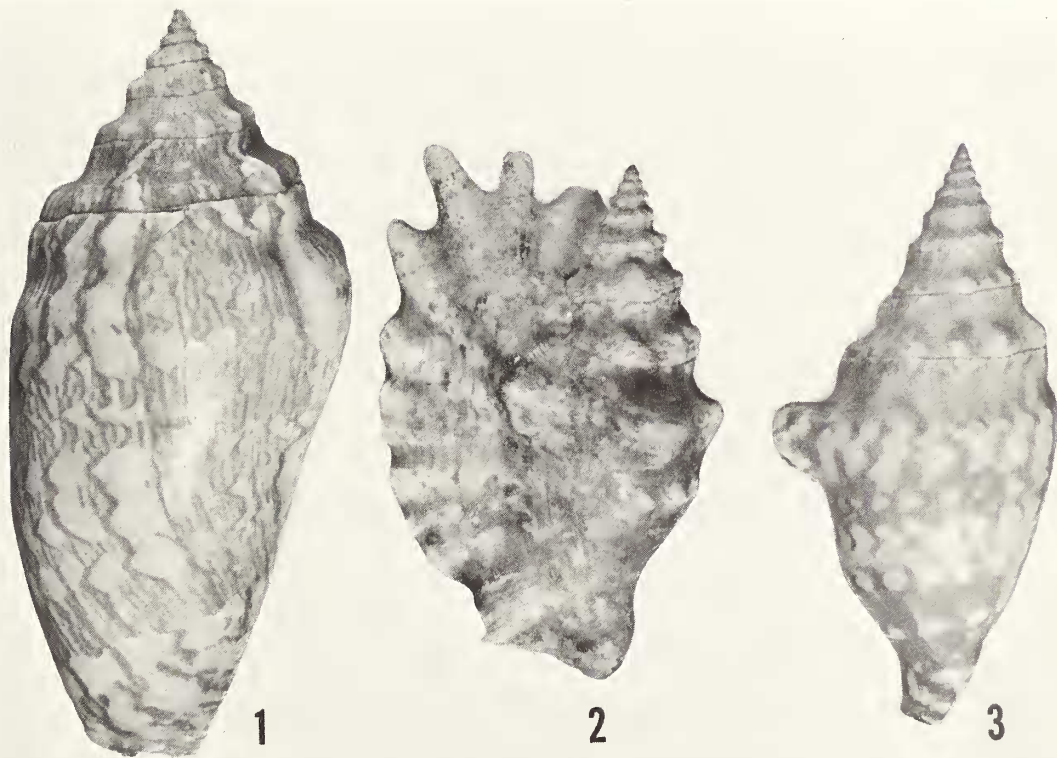


Plate 33. Fig. 1, immature *Strombus latissimus* Linné, Philippines. Fig. 2, *Strombus sinuatus* Humphrey, Okinawa Id., Ryukyu Islands. Fig. 3, immature *Strombus taurus*

Reeve, Rongelap Atoll, Marshall Islands. All slightly reduced.

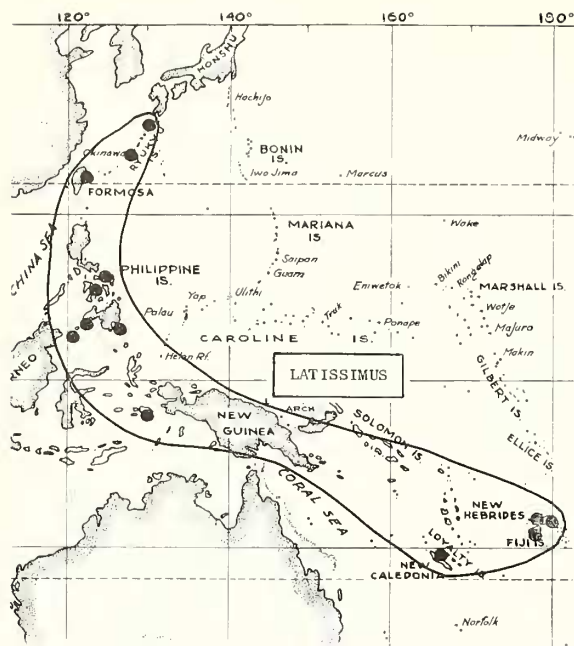


Plate 34. Geographical distribution of *Strombus latissimus* Linné.

with about 20 indistinct, whitish spiral ridges. Outer lip massive, spreading upward beyond the spire and partially obscuring the apex. Edge of lip thick and turned inward. Stromboid notch deep and pronounced. Columella thickened with a tan glaze and smooth. Aperture white and smooth within, becoming tan to smoky brown at the edges. Color of shell cream with dense mottlings of dark- or light-brown. In the penultimate whorl the dark-brown is arranged in irregular, crowded, axial streaks. Periostracum moderately thick, smoothish, translucent tan and flakes off when dry. Operculum and soft parts unknown.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
200.0	147.2	8+	(large; Philippines)
160.2	110.0	11	(average; Okinawa)
111.1	91.0	8+	(small; Jolo Id., P. I.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1758 *Strombus latissimus* Linné, *Systema Naturac*, ed. 10, p. 745, no. 436 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1211, no. 505; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 272-273; 1843, Kiener, *Coq. Vivantes*, vol. 4, *Strombus*, pl. 4, fig. 2.
- 1798 *Lambis latissimus* Linné, Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 65, no. 827. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, figs. 832 and 835.
- 1798 *Lambis picta* Röding, *loc. cit.*, p. 62, no. 793. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, fig. 874 (an immature specimen).
- 1817 *Pterocera alata* Schumacher, *Essai Nouv. Syst. Hab. Vers Testacés*, Copenhagen, p. 221. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, figs. 832 and 835. Not *Strombus alatus* Gmelin, 1791.

*Types*—Evidently Linnaeus did not possess a specimen when he first described the species. A young specimen, possibly to be considered a type, is in the Linnaean collection in Uppsala, Sweden. Since the description was based in part upon the figure given by Rumphius (pl. 36, fig. L), we hereby select Amboina, Indonesia, as the type locality.

*Records* (see accompanying map, pl. 34)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Amami Id. (Kira, 1959, p. 37); Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Kasyo-to (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: Borongan village, east side of Samar Id. (ANSP); near Cebu City, Cebu Id. (MCZ); Lubang Id., Mindoro (P. de Mesa, MCZ); Zamboanga, Mindanao Id. (ANSP); Davao Bay, Mindanao; Cuyo Id., Palawan (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP); Jolo Id., Sulu Archipelago (ANSP). INDONESIA: Amboina (Rumphius, 1741, p. 110). NEW CALEDONIA: Touho Bay (M. Leveque, ANSP). FIJI: reefs off Levuka, Ovalau Id. (MCZ); Kamba Point, Viti Levu Id. (H. S. Ladd, USNM).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

***Strombus taurus* Reeve, 1857**

(Pl. 17, figs. 3, 4; pl. 33, fig. 3)

*Range*—Known only from the Marshall and Marianas Islands (and possibly the Admiralty Islands).

*Remarks*—For nearly a hundred years this species was known from only two or three specimens. It is now known to be not uncommon in the Marshall Islands thanks to the keen observations and careful collecting being done by such men as Richard C. Willis and John Roberts, Jr. It probably occurs in the Admiralty Islands and other nearby areas.

*Strombus taurus* is closely related to the *thersites-latissimus-sinuatus* complex. It has a four-inch-long, heavy shell which is characterized by one long and one short spine at the top of the thickened, wavy outer lip and by the lavender-purple blotch deep within the tan and white aperture.

The young of *taurus* are distinguished by a narrow, bright lavender or rose band just below the suture.

*Habitat*—Willis and Roberts have kindly supplied the following interesting account: "It occurs in fairly large numbers at Eniario and Gogon Islands, Rongelap Atoll, at a depth from 4 to 15 feet on a bottom of broken rubble of coral, fine sand and brown furry algae. Specimens were always found in pairs and where the tidal currents form terraces on the north and northeast islands of the atoll. Nearby there were usually other species of *Strombus* (*lentiginosus*) and *Lambis* (*truncata* and *chiragra*), although the *taurus* seem to congregate together. The majority of several dozen specimens collected were pockmarked by erosion, lime de-

posits, and tube worm [*Vermetus* snails] growths. H. T. Ward (1960, p. 1) collected a live pair in 80 feet of water in Guam, Marianas, on a hard rock and algae bottom and in company with *Lambis truncata*.

*Description*—Shell, excluding spine, 80 to 102 mm. (3 to 4 inches) in length. Spine on outer lip adds another 5 to 25 mm. Heavy, massive, rudely knobbed, with one long and one short spine at the top of the outer lip, and a brownish purple splotch deep within the white and tan aperture. Outer shell creamy white with yellow-brown maculations. In the young there are two spiral bands of alternating brown and white, irregular spots near the mid-portion of the base of the shell, and a narrow, white-speckled band of bright violet or lavender just below the finely indented suture. Whorls 10 to 11, the apex usually eroded away. Nuclear whorls 2, smooth and translucent whitish or pinkish. First two postnuclear whorls with numerous, crowded axial riblets crossed by about a dozen fine spiral threads. The latter persist weakly to the penultimate whorl. By the third whorl small knobs appear just above the suture (10 to 15 per whorl) and continue to the last whorl. Dorsum of body whorl at the shoulder bears two large, pyramidal knobs and anteriorly a swollen ridge. Below the smaller knob and on the middle of the dorsum is a peculiar, large, elongate, irregularly formed and obliquely placed knob. Parietal shield glazed, very swollen below, and colored yellow-brown. Columella whitish above, lavender-tan below with 1 to 3 weak spiral white teeth at the base. In old specimens, the parietal shield runs up on to the spire and is edged above with 1 or 2 short finger-like blades. Aperture constricted, brownish purple to lavender deep within, white further out, and finally soft brown to tan on the outer lip. Deep within the aperture on the upper end and on the body wall is a thickened, rounded, spiral ridge. Outer lip thick, very wavy, glazed with light-brown to creamy tan. Above are two well-developed spines pointing upward, the innermost being twice as long as the outer one. Siphonal canal moderately short, purplish within, and slightly recurved, but not twisted. Stromboid notch very deep and well-developed; below it is a thick, protruding, glazed flange which may have 2 or 3 weakly developed, whitish teeth. Periostracum thin, smoothish, translucent tan, but usually worn away in adults. Operculum stromboid, light-brown, arching, with no or badly worn serrations.

Radula ribbon reddish brown, 10 mm. in length, with about 45 to 50 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2;

1-3 (no peg); 6; 7. Verge simple, red-brown with cream maculations. Tentacles brown with white flecks (preserved specimen).

*Measurements (mm.)*—(length excludes spines)

length	width	no. whorls	
80.0	76.2	6+	(small; Rongelap Atoll)
89.0	70.1	10	(average; Rongelap Atoll)
101.0	77.1	7+	(large; Rongelap Atoll)

*Synonymy*—

1857 *Strombus taurus* Reeve, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, for 1857, p. 207, pl. 37, fig. 3 (in color) ("Amirante Islands, a group of the Seychelles"); 1885, Tryon, Manual Conch., Philadelphia, vol. 7, p. 111 (Admiralty Islands); 1960, Ward, Hawaiian Shell News, vol. 8, no. 4, p. 1 (Guam Id.).

*Types*—The type which was in Sir David Barclay's collection was sold in 1891 and is probably in private hands. It has not been found in the British Museum. The type locality is "Amirante Islands" in the western Indian Ocean. This may be an error and I suspect the original label read "Admiralty Islands" which are close to the known range of this Micronesian species. Tryon who corresponded with Sir David Barclay changed the locality in the Manual of Conchology to "Admiralty Islands". Unfortunately, I have been unable to find any reference to this in Barclay's letters, but I suspect the change was made with ease.

*Records*—MARIANAS: Asan Point, Guam Id. (Mrs. D. L. Hiatt, in litt.); north side of breakwater, Pier Area, S.W. Tinian Id. (A. B. Bronson, MCZ). MARSHALL ISLANDS: Rongelap Atoll: Eniara Id. (Willis and Roberts); Kabelle Id., 20 feet (Dick Willis, ANSP); Gogon Id. (Dick Willis); Kieshiechi Id., Arbar Id., and Eniaetok Id. (USNM). Bikini Atoll:  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S.W. of S.E. Point, Bikini Id.; 4 miles south, Bikini Id., 25 fathoms, dead; Chiecrete Id. (all J. P. E. Morrison, USNM). ADMIRALTY ISLANDS: (Tryon, 1885, p. 111). [Amirante Islands, Indian Ocean (Reeve, 1857) may be erroneous.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

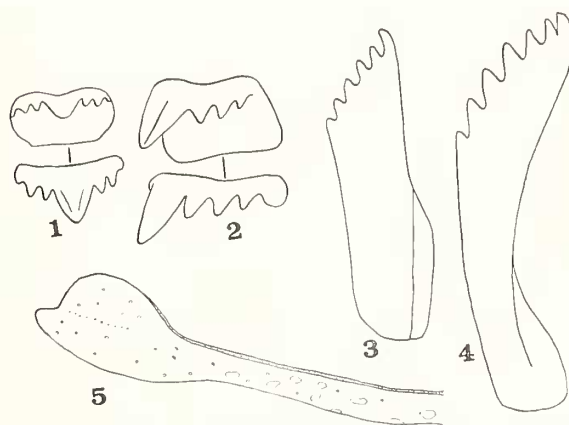


Plate 35. *Strombus taurus* Reeve, Marshall Islands. Fig. 1, central radular tooth. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, verge.

***Strombus sinuatus* Humphrey, 1786**

(Pl. 17, fig. 8; pl. 33, fig. 2)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands to Australia, Micronesia and Melanesia.

*Remarks*—This handsome species is readily recognized by its brownish purple aperture and the 3 or 4 thin, finger-like blades at the top of the outer lip. It is uncommon to moderately common throughout its range. In the Bohol-Cebu area of the Philippines it appears in shallow water from April to May in large numbers, some several thousand specimens having been collected commercially in 1957. This species, despite its peculiar *Lambis*-like lip, shows close affinities to *latissimus*, *thersites* and *taurus*.

*Habitat*—This species lives on coral sand and algae bottoms from low tide mark to a depth of 10 fathoms. In the Marshalls it occurs both in the lagoons and outside. Mr. Richard C. Willis and Mr. John Roberts, Jr. have very kindly supplied the following notes on the occurrence of *sinuatus* on Eniwetok Island, Rongelap Atoll, Marshall Islands. "(In September, 1959) shells not plentiful with one or two every 200 feet. Water 4 to 20 feet in depth, clear to slightly murky, temperature 85° F. Bottom of loose broken coral and algae, the latter also growing on the shells. In fresh specimens, the aperture is a delicate lavender, overlaid with radiating streaks of orange in young specimens."

*Description*—Shell 82 to 113 mm. (3½ to 4½ inches) in length, solid, moderately heavy, with a brownish purple aperture and 3 or 4 finger-like blades at the top of the outer lip. Color of outer shell whitish with heavy mottlings of yellow-brown, and usually with 3 to 5 narrow spiral bands of alternating white and brown flecks on the body whorl. Whorls 10 to 11. Nuclear whorls 2, smooth, translucent tan to pinkish. First 2 postnuclear whorls with numerous, crowded axial riblets running from suture to suture and crossed by 15 to 20 fine, but strongly raised, spiral threads. The latter persist in strength to the penultimate whorl and cross the knobs and 15 to 20 swollen whitish, former varices on the spire. The remaining whorls are well shouldered with neat, rounded, spirally threaded knobs (about 9 to 11 per whorl). Above this row of knobs the whorl is concave. The last whorl has an indistinct, low, long knob on the left side, thus giving the parietal wall a flattish appearance. Anteriorly, are 2 small knobs, followed by a large pyramidal one on the dorsum, and finally by a last and smaller one. Below this series of large shoulder knobs, are 2 spiral rows of 2 to 4 small, round, beads. Parietal wall slightly glazed. Columella moderately thick-

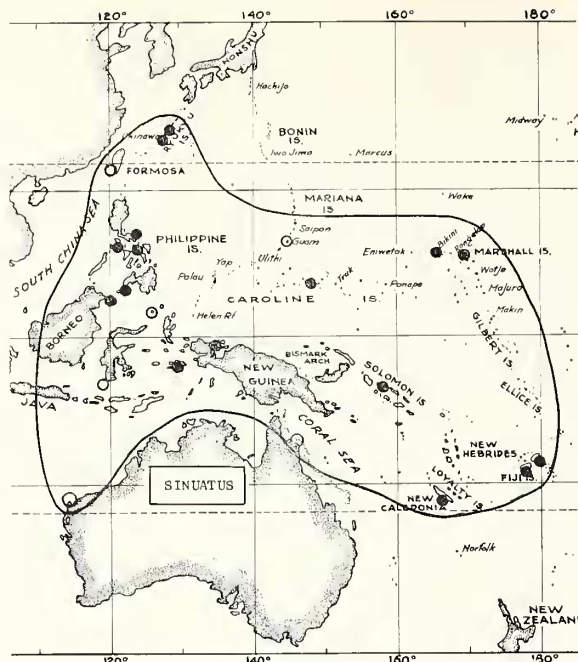


Plate 36. Geographical distribution of *Strombus sinuatus* Humphrey. Open circles indicate literature records; solid dots, specimens examined.

ened, smooth and brownish-tan. Deep interior of aperture brownish purple to deep purple, blending into soft-brown towards the smooth edge of the outer lip. Middle section of outer lip incurved, glossy, and with brownish color bands. Upper end of lip adnate to the spire and having 3 to 5 (usually 4) thin, whitish, tongue-like blades. Siphonal canal short, but twisted to the right. Stromboid notch deep and flaring. The flange below it may have 4 to 5 small white teeth. Periostracum moderately thin, semi-glossy, translucent yellowish and apt to flake off when dry. Operculum stromboid, strongly arched and with weak serrations. Soft parts unknown.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
113.5	69.9	10 +	(large; Cebu Id.)
88.8	55.4	10	(average; Bohol Id.)
82.5	53.8	7 +	(small; Solomon Ids.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1786 *Strombus sinuatus* Humphrey, Portland Catalogue, London, p. 189, no. 4022 (no locality); refers to Seba, vol. 3, pl. 62, fig. 3 and Argenville [Favanne], pl. 22, fig. A2.
- 1798 *Lambis lobata* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 65, no. 826. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1506, 1507. Not *lobata* Röding, *loc. cit.*, p. 68, no. 872.
- 1807 *Pterocera palmata* G. Fischer, Museum Demidoff, Moscow, p. 191 (no locality).
- 1817 *Strombus laciniatus* "Chemnitz" Dillwyn, Descr. Cat. Recent Shells, London, vol. 2, p. 663 (East Indian Seas). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1506, 1507; 1850, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, *Strombus*, pl. 11, fig. and sp. 25.

1822 *Strombus cristatus* Lamarek, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 202 (no locality). Refers to Seba and Favanne (*loc. cit.*), and Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1506, 1507; 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 11.

*Types*—The whereabouts of Humphrey's type of *sinuatus* is unknown to us. It was sold at the auction of the shell collection of the Duchess of Portland in London in 1786. No locality was given. We designate Cebu City, Cebu Island, Philippines as the type locality. The type of *Pterocera palmata* G. Fischer, if not destroyed by fire, may be in the zoological museum of the University of Moscow (see K. V. W. Palmer, Nautilus, vol. 70, no. 1, 1956).

*Nomenclature*—The author of *sinuatus* is given as Humphrey by some workers, and as Solander by others. Either refers to the Portland Catalogue.

*Records* (see accompanying map, pl. 36)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Tanegashima Id. (Kuroda in MSS); Yaeyama Id. (A. R. Cahn Coll'n., ANSP); Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Karenko (Kuroda, 1941, p. 98). PHILIPPINES: near Cebu City, Cebu Id. (A. B. Franco, ANSP); Badang, Sorsogon Prov., Luzon Id. (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP); Panglao Id., northern Bohol Id. (E. Zambo, ANSP); Surigao Id. (Elcra, 1896, p. 249); Siasi, Sulu Archipelago (W. E. Old, Jr., coll'n.). INDONESIA: Amboina, Moluccas (MCZ); Sailus Ketjil, Paster-noster Ids., off Sumbawa Id. (Schepman, 1909, p. 148). AUSTRALIA: reefs off Townsville Queensland (*vide* Tony Marsh *in litt.*); Northwest Cape, on reef, Western Australia (A. Whitworth, coll.). NEW GUINEA: Mios Woendi Atoll, Padaido Ids. (NSF, 1956). SOLOMONS: Choiseul Id. (W. J. Eyerdam, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: (USNM); Touho (*vide* D. Cetz, *in litt.*). FIJI: reefs off Levuka, Ovalou Id. (MCZ); Kamba Point, Viti Levu Id. (H. S. Ladd, USNM). MARIANAS: Guam Id. (*vide* T. Montgomery, *in litt.*). CAROLINES: Hall Ids., near Truk Id. (Mrs. R. T. Gallemore). MARSHALLS: lagoon, Aomaen Id., and Namu Id., and Bokororyuru Id., all Bikini (J. P. E. Morrison, USNM); Eniaetok, Rongelap Atoll (USNM). [No authenticated Hawaiian records, as yet.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus junghuhni* Martin, 1879

*Range*—Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This species was based upon a single and broken specimen. From the illustration of the type, it would appear that this is the closest representative of *Strombus sinuatus* that has been found in the Tertiary. The absence of details of the outer lip, however, leaves this relationship still in doubt, although the characters of the spire are fairly close. This is Miocene according to van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 246.

*Synonymy*—

1879 *Strombus junghuhni* K. Martin, Die Tertiärschichten auf Java, Leiden, p. 47, pl. 9, fig. 1 (Java, Tertiary).

### *Strombus mekranicus* Vredenburg, 1928

*Range*—Lower Miocene of West Pakistan.

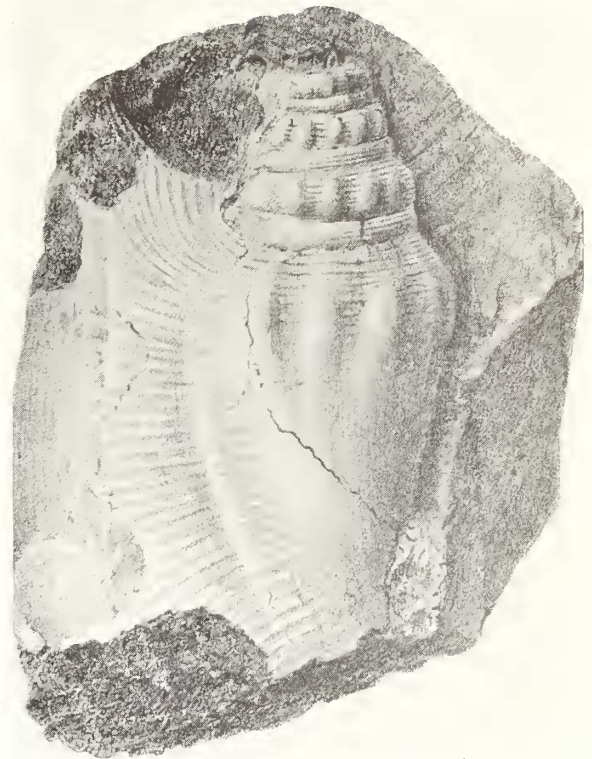


Plate 37. *Strombus junghuhni* Martin. Miocene of Java, Indonesia. Type. (from K. Martin, 1879, pl. 9, fig. 1). Natural size.

*Remarks*—I concur with Vredenburg's remarks that this species "is not very closely related to any living or fossil species, though it belongs to the same group that includes such forms as the recent *Strombus bubonius* Lamk. [= *latus* Gmelin] and *Strombus tricornis* Lamk. [Humphrey]." It is based upon very poorly preserved specimens.

*Synonymy*—

1928 *Strombus mekranicus* Vredenburg, Memoirs Geol. Survey of India, vol. 50, pt. 1, p. 315, pl. 3, figs. 13, 14, pl. 4, fig. 1 (Mekran beds: north of Talar Gorge, on the road from Kej to Gwadar, base of the sandstones constituting the Talar Mountains [West Pakistan]).

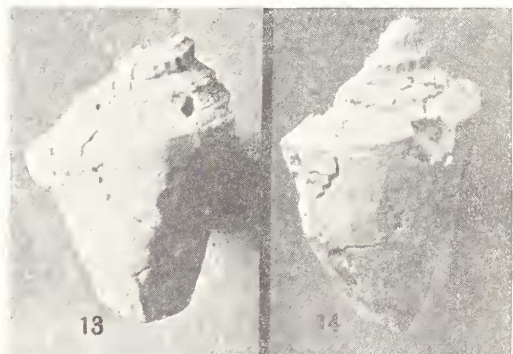


Plate 38. *Strombus mekranicus* Vredenburg. Mekran, Talar, Pakistan. Miocene. (from Vredenburg, 1928, pl. 3, figs. 13, 14). Natural size.

***Strombus inflatus* Martin, 1879**

*Range*—Lower Miocene and Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—*Strombus herklotsi* Martin 1880 and

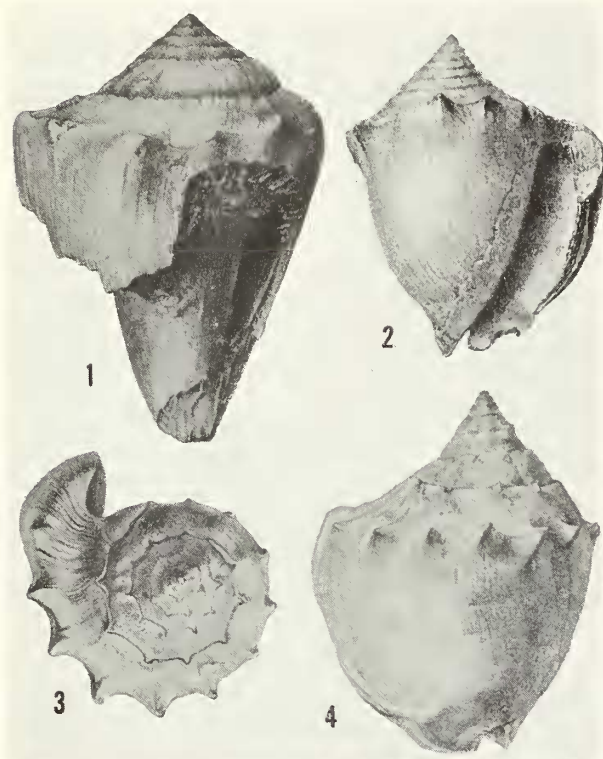


Plate 39. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus inflatus* Martin. Tji Longan, Java, Indonesia. Miocene. (from K. Martin, 1883, pl. 9, fig. 3). Figs. 3 and 4, *S. tjilonganensis* K. Martin. Java, Miocene. (from Martin, 1899, pl. 28, figs. 410, 410a, type). All natural size.

*tuberosa* Martin 1883 from the same locality in Java are possibly synonyms. I know of no Recent Indo-Pacific species resembling it, although *Strombus costatus* Gmelin, 1791 of the West Indies is somewhat similar.

***Synonymy*—**

1879 *Strombus inflatus* K. Martin, Die Tertiärschichten auf Java, Leiden, p. 48, pl. 9, fig. 3 (Java, Tertiary); 1883, Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, 1st series, vol. 1, p. 197, pl. 9, fig. 3.

1883 *Strombus tuberosus* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, 1st ser., vol. 1, p. 196, pl. 9, fig. 2 (Tji Longan near Selatjau, Java, Tertiary); 1921, K. Martin, *loc. cit.*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 2, p. 468, pl. 60, figs. 57, 58 (Tji Talahab and Tji Angsana, Java, Pliocene). [Lower Miocene: Njalindoeng beds and upper Miocene: Tjilangang beds, *vide* van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 247.]

1899 *Strombus* (*s. str.*) *herklotsi* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 178, pl. 29, figs. 413, 414 (Java).

***Strombus tjilonganensis* Martin, 1899**

*Range*—Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—Allied to *inflatus* Martin, above, and possibly a form of it.

***Synonymy*—**

1899 *Strombus* (*s. str.*) *tjilonganensis* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 177, pl. 28, figs. 410, 411, pl. 29, fig. 412 (Selatjau, Java, Pliocene).

**Subgenus *Dilatilabrum* Cossmann, 1904**

*Type*: *Strombus fortisi* Brongniart, 1823

*Remarks*—To our knowledge, this subgenus does not occur in the recent or fossil record of the Indo-Pacific. The subgenus contains two or three species known only from the Italian Eocene of Europe. The shells are large, heavy, with a large flaring lip and presumably with a poorly developed or obsolete stromboid notch. The shells closely resemble some members of the subgenus *Tricornis*, and Cossmann himself felt it might not be worth recognizing. We have not seen specimens of this subgenus, and can give no opinion as to its relationships or its age. If a *Strombus*, it is the earliest known record for the genus.

***Synonymy*—**

1876 *Oncoma* Mayer-Eymar, Beitr. geol. Karte Schwyz, no. 14 (2b), p. 57. Non Fieber, 1861. [Not seen.]

1904 *Dilatilabrum* Cossmann, Essais de Paléontologie Comparée, Paris, 6th book, p. 12. *Type*: *Strombus fortisi* Brongn. of the Eocene of Europe. New name for *Oncoma* Mayer-Eymar, non Fieber, 1861.

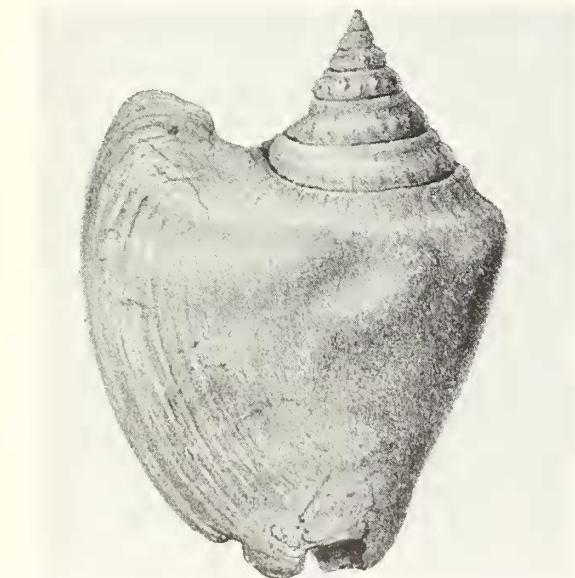


Plate 40. *Strombus tuberosus* Martin. Tji Longan, Java, Indonesia. Miocene. (from K. Martin, 1883, pl. 9, fig. 2). Natural size.

### Subgenus *Canarium* Schumacher, 1817

Type: *Strombus urceus* Linné, 1758

The 18 living subspecies and species in this subgenus are limited to the Indo-Pacific. Several, like *mutabilis* Swainson, are very widely distributed, while others, like *helli* Kiener and *klineorum* are very restricted in range. Although some of the species appear to fall into more or less natural groups on mere conchological grounds, such as into the *urceus-labiatus-erythrinus* group or the *mutabilis-mieroureeus-maculatus* group, we are combining a rather wide selection of species because of conchological intergrades and very similar anatomical features. Despite the slender and smooth shell of *terebellatus*, we believe it has no close phylogenetic relationship with the genus *Terebellum*. Species like *fragilis* bridge the gap from *terebellatus* to *mutabilis* and, thence, to *urceus*.

The shells in this subgenus are rather small and without a strongly flaring or winged outer lip. The penis is a simple prong with a slightly swollen distal portion. The radula consists of delicate teeth with the central bearing 5 cusps (the middle one being the largest); the lateral usually has only 3 or 4 (rarely 5) cusps and a small basal peg. The operculum has 5 to 9 well-developed serrations.

A number of fossil species occurs in the Miocene and Pliocene of southeast Asia and the East Indies. The most ancient of these appear to be related to *mutabilis* and *labiatus*. Nothing resembling *dentatus* or *fusiformis* occurs in the Pliocene or earlier.

*Strombus liocyclus* Dall, 1915, from the Silex beds of Tampa, Florida [Miocene] quite likely belongs to this subgenus, and is the only recorded Caribbean representative.

#### Synonymy—

- 1817 *Canarium* Schumacher, Essai Nouveau Système, Copenhagen, p. 219. Type by monotypy: *Canarium ustulatum* Schumacher = Martini, vol. 3, figs. 803, 805 = *urceus* Linné, 1758.
- 1840 *Strombidea* Swainson, A Treatise on Malacology, London, pp. 138 and 140. Type by monotypy: *urceus* Linné, 1758.
- 1888 *Conorium* Jousseaume, Mém. Soc. Zool. de France, vol. 1, p. 174. Type by monotypy: *Conorium mutabilis* Swainson [error for *Canarium*?].

### *Strombus urceus* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 20, figs. 26-29; pl. 41, figs. 1-6)

Range—Southeast Asia and the Ryukyu Islands to Australia and Melanesia.

Remarks—This species is close in appearance to *labiatus* (Röding), but is distinguished from the latter by its more drawn out siphonal canal, which is generally dark blue-black within and without, and by the smooth central portion of the usually white, rarely black, and rarely orange columella. The two species do not live in the same immediate habitat (see under *labiatus*). Our interpretation of what Linnaeus meant by *urceus* is discussed under Types and Nomenclature below.

*S. urceus* is a very variable species. In addition to size, sculptural and color variations that appear within a single colony, there are other geographical clines and groups of morphological variations

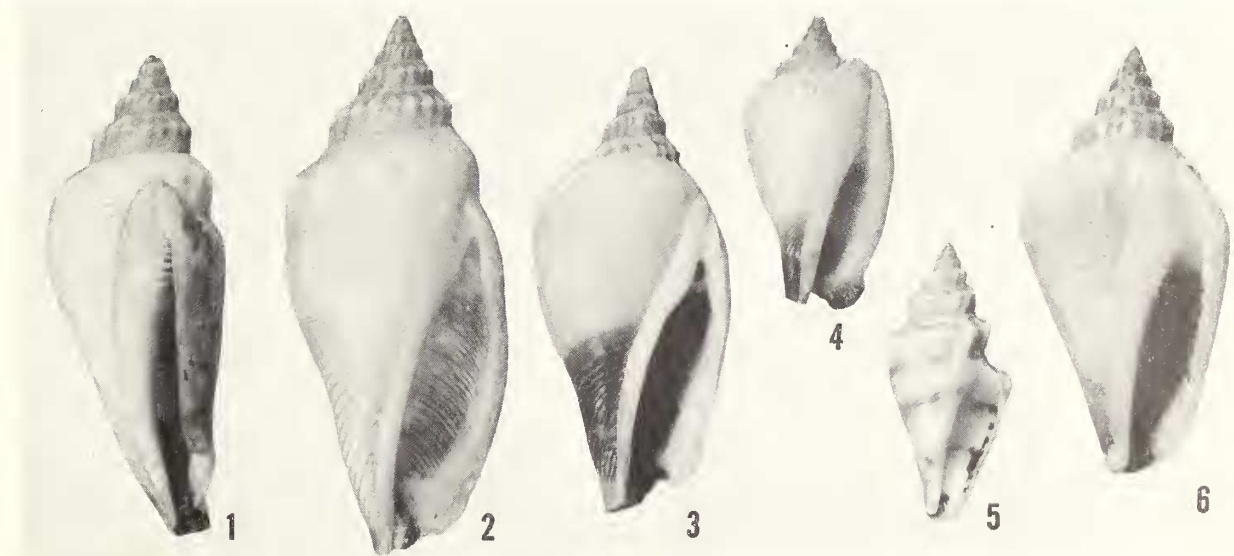


Plate 41. *Strombus urceus* Linné. Figs. 1 and 2, Mindanao Id., Philippines. 3, Geelvink Bay form, Dutch New Guinea. 4, shouldered form, Aitape, New Guinea. 6, Yap Island

form. 5, immature of *S. urceus orrae* Abbott, paratype, Broome, Western Australia. All  $\times 1.5$ .

limited to certain rather discrete geographical areas. Some of these latter cases may well be considered subspecies; others may be due to environmental conditions common to these circumscribed areas. We have refrained from breaking the species up into numerous subspecies because we feel that many more large samples are needed from many more localities. Experimental work is also sorely needed.

The most distinct of the variations, with a fairly well-defined geographical distribution, is the heavy, high-spired, few-knobbed, square-lipped form so common along the northern and especially north-western portion of the Australian continent. This we accepted as a valid subspecies and name it *Strombus urceus orrae*.

Dominant in the Singapore area, and decreasingly so northward into the Gulf of Siam to Hong Kong, and sparingly in the Ryukyus and only sporadically in the central Philippines is the form with a black-colored columella and aperture: form *ustulatus* Schumacher, 1817 (see pl. 20, fig. 29). This dark-mouthed character is probably an example of a single gene cline, and not due to environmental conditions. In Tabaco Bay, Albay Province, Luzon Island, an area where many species are particularly darkly colored (*Conus eburneus* form *polyglottis* Weinkauff), specimens of *Strombus urceus* do not have darkly pigmented apertures.

The deeper water form (1 to 25 fathoms) of *urceus* intergrades with the larger more robust intertidal form. It ranges in size from 18 to 26 mm. in length, is usually quite elongate, light weight and is sparsely and weakly colored. The blue-black on the siphonal canal may be greatly reduced or absent.

An interesting form is dominant in the north-eastern waters of New Guinea which, when substantiated with samples from surrounding areas, may prove to be a distinct subspecies. We refer to this as the "Geelvink" form. The lower third of the last whorl is solid blue-black. The body whorl is smooth, rounded at the shoulder and bears only 2 or 3 very weak nodules. The parietal wall is smooth, glistening and appearing to be light-tan, but under a lens is seen to be a beautiful, fine, zigzag, axial pattern of delicate orange-brown. The spire is finely beaded and bluish black. We have also seen the form from the Palaus and Ponape Island in the Carolines (see pl. 41, fig. 3).

An additional and evidently closely related form appears to have received the name *incisus* Wood, 1828. We have this form from the Solomons and

from three other localities whose authenticity of data is questionable—Majuro Atoll, Saipan and a large series from "Fiji." It may subsequently be considered a subspecies when more is known about its anatomy and range. In shape, the shell is quadrate, with a broad shoulder bearing 6 to 7 short, strong, axial, slanting ribs and a very swollen, squarish, upper end to the outer lip which is elevated to the height of the suture above. The posterior canal is in the form of a minute channel or "knife-cut" located towards the edge of the outer lip. The flange below the stromboid notch is very broad and large and may extend as far forward as the tip of the siphonal canal. The color of the shell is whitish with the lower fourth of the body whorl blue-black to brownish black and the dorsum with 2 or 3 diffused bands of lead to brownish gray. The spire is minutely beaded, the apex blue-black to brownish. Shell length 19 to 30 mm. (see pl. 41, fig. 4).

*Habitat*—Occurs in colonies on sand or sandy mud bottom from the low tide mark to 20 fathoms. It is sometimes associated with sparse algal bottoms, and is not found intermingled with *Strombus labiatus* (Röding).

*Description*—Adult shell 19 to 61 mm. (usually about 50 mm.) in length, solid, smooth to axially nodulated, vari-colored, and with an all white, all black, black-rimmed or rarely yellowish-orange columella which is always smooth, except at the top and bottom fourth. Color of outer shell very variable, ranging from brown, whitish; cream, or with greenish, yellow-brown maculations, flecks, broken bands and axial streaks to a solid pink, orange or yellow. Siphonal canal almost always tipped with bluish black within and without. Whorls either rounded or, especially in the spire, squarish. Nuclear whorls 3, bulimoid, glossy, smooth translucent tan or bluish black, rarely colorless. First postnuclear whorl with about 8 to 10 microscopic, incised lines. Subsequent whorls become shouldered and with 11 to 17 small axial, usually knobbed or beaded, riblets per whorl. Last whorl with 3 to 8 low knobs at the shoulder, the last 2 or 3 on the dorsum being the largest. Axial plications are almost always absent on the parietal area. Base of shell with 8 to 10 incised lines or low, flat, broad cords, the latter never raised, rounded or strong. Siphonal canal somewhat elongate, slightly reflected upward and moderately twisted. Columella smooth, except for 6 to 15 raised spiral lirae at the top third and 1 to 8 distinct lirae at the lower fourth and set almost at right angle to the axis of the columella.



Interior of body whorl with about 50 to 70 fine, purple-brown spiral lirae which may or may not extend to the edge of the outer lip. Deep interior of aperture yellowish white or pure blackish or blushed with purple-brown. Columella either all white, all black, yellowish or orangish or combinations of these colors. Stromboid notch shallow to deep. Periostracum thin, smoothish, translucent grayish to yellowish, and usually worn away on the body whorl. Operculum stromboid, one third the length of the shell, not arching, brown, and with about 12 fine, sharp serrations.

Radula ribbon 4 mm. in length, with about 38 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg) or rarely 1-2 (with peg); 4 or 5; 5 or 6. Verge simple, variegated in color and with white and red embedded granules. Posterior mantle filament 3 mm. Edge of mantle with a series of red lines. Eye with 1 red ring. Body variegated in color giving it a marble-like effect.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
61.5	23.9	10	(giant; Singapore)
56.4	24.1	9+	(large; Balabac Id.)
48.5	21.6	9+	(average; Cebu Id.)
32.3	14.7	10	(small; Luzon Id.)
19.0	17.8	8	(dwarf; deep water)
form <i>incisus</i> Wood			
31.0	17.1	8	(large; Fiji)
22.7	12.0	8	(average; Fiji)
18.0	9.5	8	(small; Fiji)

*Synonymy—*

1758 *Strombus urceus* Linné, Systema Naturae, ed. 10, p. 745, no. 440 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1212, no. 512; 1956, Dodge, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 284-285; 1842, Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, pl. 7, figs. 34-37, 41, 42;

1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 15, fig. 2, pl. 30, figs. 2, 3; 1844, Duclos, in Chen's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, pl. 5, figs. 8, 9, 13-15, pl. 24, figs. 5-6.

?1807 *Lambis reticulata* Link, Besch. Natur.-Samml., Univ. Rostok, pt. 2, p. 109. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 806.

1817 *Canarium ustulatum* Schumacher, Essai Nouv. Syst., p. 219. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 803, 805.

1828 *Strombus incisus* Wood, Index Testaceol. Supplement, London, p. 14, pl. 4, fig. 12 (no locality). [Quadrate form.]

1844 *Strombus anatellus* Duclos, in Chen's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 2, pl. 4, figs. 11, 12, pl. 21, figs. 8, 9 (Japan). [Smooth-shouldered form.]

?1839 *Strombus crassilabrum* Anton, Verzeichniss Conchylien, Halle, p. 87, no. 2820 (no locality).

1885 *Strombus (Canarium) muricatus* "Martini", Watson, Report . . . H.H.S. Challenger, vol. 15, p. 417; 1909, Schepman, in Weber's Siboga-Expeditie, Leiden, vol. 28, pt. 2, p. 151.

1938 *Strombus (Canarium) plicatus* Lamarck, Adam and Leloup, Mém. Mus. Royal d'Hist. Nat. Belgique, special series, vol. 2, fasc. 19, p. 112, pl. 1, figs. 8d and e only (non Lamarck).

1946 *Strombus ustulatus* form *laevis* Dodge, Amer. Mus. Novitates, N. Y., no. 1314, pp. 2 and 7, figs. 1 and 6.

?1946 *Strombus (Canarium) gendinganensis* Martin, Abrard, Annales de Paléontologie, Paris, vol. 32, p. 61, pl. 4, fig. 27 (Pliocene, New Hebrides).

*Types and Nomenclature*—No species of Linnaeus has undergone more alternating interpretations by various authors than *urceus*. Linnaeus' description could fit any of three species, and his figure references could be either of two species. The specimen, marked for this species in the Linnaean collection, has never been illustrated, although Hanley (1855, p. 275) likened it to Sowerby's Thesaurus Conch., vol. 1, pl. 7, fig. 45 which is what we call *mutabilis* Swainson. I cannot help but believe that this specimen was marked as *urceus* at a later date by someone other than Linnaeus. This was done in the case of other species, according to Dodge, Hanley, and

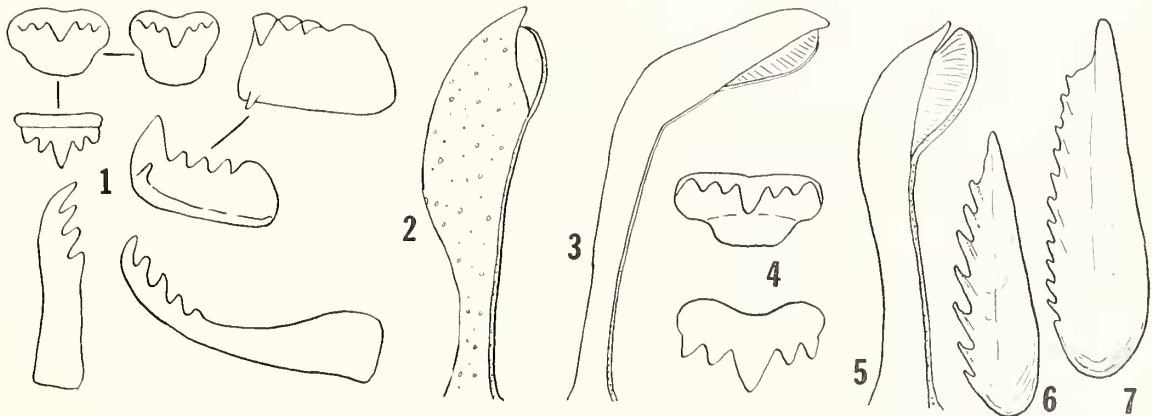


Plate 42. Fig. 1, radula of *Strombus urceus urceus* Linné and, fig. 2, its verge, Palau Islands. 3, verge of *S. erythrinus erythrinus* Dillwyn and, fig. 4, its central radular tooth, New

Caledonia. 5, verge of *S. helli* Kiener, Oahu Island. 6, operculum of *S. fragilis* (Röding), Palau Islands. 7, operculum of *S. dentatus* Linné, Zanzibar.

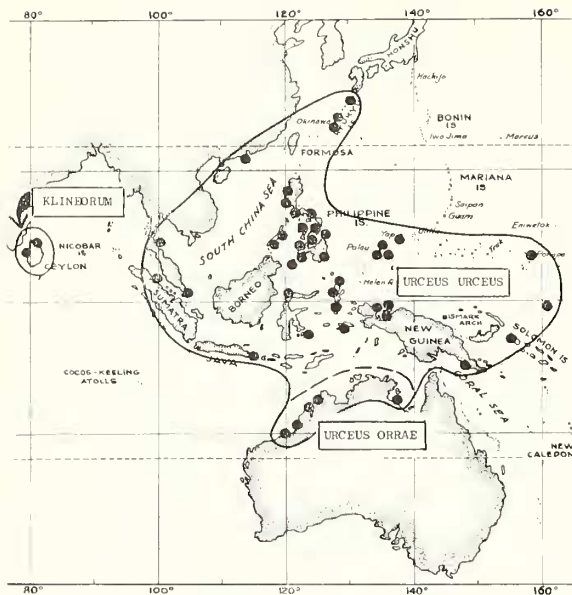


Plate 43. Geographical distribution of *Strombus kliniorum* Abbott and *Strombus urceus urceus* Linné and its Australian subspecies, *orrae* Abbott.

others. None of Linnaeus' figure references are to *mutabilis*-like shells, despite the fact that perfectly good pictures of it occur in the works referred to by Linnaeus (Rumphius, pl. 37, fig. W; Seba, pl. 62, figs. 42, 43). However, Linnaeus' figure references (Rumphius, pl. 37, fig. T; Petiver, pl. 98, fig. 19; Gualtieri, pl. 32, fig. G; and in the 12th edition, Seba, pl. 60, figs. 28, 29 and pl. 62, figs. 45, 41, and 47) are all dorsal views and match specimens before us of either of two species which depend upon good apertural views for identification. No amount of arguing is going to settle the point on the basis of the figures. We hereby select shell no. 300 which is illustrated on the microfilm of the Linnaean types in the Museum Ludovicae Ulricae (M. L. U. 288) as the neoholotype or lectotype. This conforms with the *urceus* concept of Lamarck, Deshayes, Sowerby (Thes. Conch., vol. 1, pl. 7, figs. 34-37), Reeve (Conch. Icon., pl. 11, fig. 24b), Tryon and Dodge. Kiener's (1843) best figures are pl. 30, fig. 2, and pl. 31, fig. 1b. We designate Cebu Island, Philippines, as the type locality.

With so much confusion attending the use of the name *urceus*, it is impossible to know in most cases what certain later authors had in mind, unless they illustrated their shells. For this reason we have not used literature information in working out the distribution of *urceus*.

The smooth shouldered form turns up sporadically as probably a minor genetic form in colonies in the Philippines, East Indies, Melanesia and Singapore. It is of no taxonomic significance and has had

two names given to it: *form anatellus* Duclou, 1844 and *form laevis* Dodge, 1946.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 43. Solid dots: specimens examined; no literature records used)—HONG KONG: Rocky Harbour, Tai She Wan (A. J. Staple, ANSP). THAILAND: Bandon Bight; Koh Chang; Bangbert Bay; Hualpa Id.; Koh Samet; Koh Samui; Koh Tao (all USNM). SINGAPORE: Tanah Merah Besar (R. D. Purehon, ANSP). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Yaka Beach, Ishikawa, Okinawa Id. (USNM). PHILIPPINES: common throughout the islands: Luzon, Mindoro, Lubang, Catanduanes, Negros, Marinduque, Cuyo, Cebu, Bohol, Samar, Masbate, Camiguin, Palawan, Mindanao, Basilan, Tawi Tawi, Jolo, Balabac, Busuanga, Burias, and Sanga Sanga Island (all USNM, ANSP, or MCZ). DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Geelvink Bay: off Rowo Id., Aeri Ids., 1 fm.; Japen Id., Ambai Ids., 8 fms.; (all NSF). PALAUS: South side of Malakal Harbor, 2 fms.; reef, Karamando Bay, Babelthuap Id. (all NSF). CAROLINES: Ponape (V. Wertley, ANSP); Yap Id. (C. O. Kile, ANSP); reef at Mutunlik, Kusaie Id. (USNM). SOLOMONS: Pavuvu Id., Russell Ids. (USNM); Florida Id. (MCZ); Suu, Malaiti Id. (W. J. Eyerdam, ANSP). [Unsubstantiated records: Fiji; Saipan; Majuro Atoll, Marshalls; Tutuom, India (USNM).]

*Fossil records*—No bona fide records with the possible exception of Abrard's 1946 Pliocene record from the New Hebrides. The shell figured looks like true *urceus* in shape, and the columella appears to be smooth. If truly an *urceus*, it indicates that the eastern limits of this species have drifted westward since the Pliocene.

### *Strombus urceus subspecies orrae new subspecies*

(Pl. 20, fig. 28; pl. 41, fig. 5)

*Range*—Western Australia to the Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia.

*Remarks and description*—This new subspecies is characterized and distinguished from the southwest Pacific typical *urceus* by its heavier, more quadrate, less colorful shell, its stronger and fewer nodules and its shorter siphonal canal. Its penultimate whorl bears 7 to 11 knobs (instead of as many as 10 to 16 as in typical *urceus*). The top end of the outer lip is square and thickened; the columella always white and the inner aperture yellow with sparse brown lirae. Body whorl with 7 to 9 nodules at the shoulder, the first one or two on the dorsum being large, swollen and prominent. The young show 3 narrow, broken spiral bands of brownish black on the body whorl. Stromboid notch shallow. Nuclear whorls  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , translucent yellowish and glossy.

I take pleasure in naming this subspecies after Miss Virginia Orr, Assistant, Department of Mollusks at the Academy of Natural Sciences, who collected this subspecies in Australia.

#### *Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
42.1	20.8	9	(holotype, ANSP)
47.8	21.1	10	(paratype, ANSP)
21.2	9.5	9	(paratype, ANSP)

*Habitat*—Intertidal on sand flats.

*Synonymy*—No previously published names or

figures known. Some references to Australian *urceus* Linné may be this subspecies.

*Types*—Holotype in ANSP no. 247756. The type locality is Augustus Island, Western Australia, Australia. Collected by B. Bardwell. Paratypes in MCZ and ANSP nos. 232673, 233409, 240131, 240137.

*Locality records* (and other paratypes)—WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Broome (MCZ); Gantheaume Point, Broome; La Grange Bay (both V. Orr, 1958, ANSP); Augustus Id. (ANSP and MCZ). NORTHERN TERRITORY: Cape Leveque (MCZ); Shell Id., and East Point, and Port Darwin, Darwin (all MCZ); Quail Id., 35 mi. west of Darwin (MCZ); Nightliff Point, Darwin (USNM). ALLARU ISLET, west of Port Essington, Cobourg Peninsula (MCZ). GULF OF CARPENTARIA: Groot Eylandt and Bickerton Id. (USNM).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus labiatus* (Röding, 1798)

This well-known species has had a remarkably complicated nomenclatorial history. Various authors have treated it as a form or as a subspecies of *urceus* Linné. Our own studies lead us to conclude that it is a discrete species having two subspecies—the typical *labiatus* from southeast Asia and the southwest Pacific—and the *olydius* Duclos from the western part of the Indian Ocean. The chief differentiating characters of these two subspecies are:

*S. labiatus labiatus*—columella yellowish- to reddish-orange with fine, slightly raised, spiral lines of darker color. The lirae on the inner wall of the body whorl are usually darkly colored.

*S. labiatus olydius*—columella light-mauve or whitish violet with rather wide, usually raised, spiral lines of white. The lirae on the mauve inner wall of the body whorl are usually white.

The species appears to be confined to large volcanic islands. Only one specimen of *labiatus labiatus* is known from the Micronesian islands, that being a live specimen taken in 1955 by Mr. Ostheimer on Babelthup Island, Palau Islands. It is relatively uncommon in New Caledonia and Fiji, but very abundant in the Philippines.

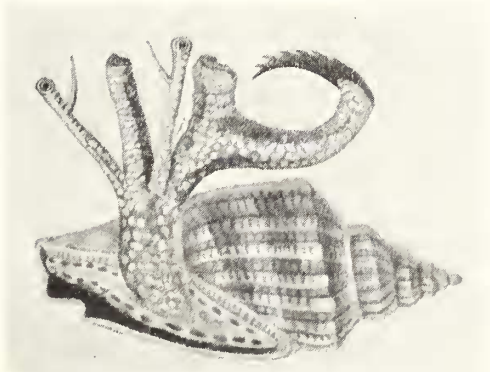


Plate 44. Living animal of female *Strombus labiatus* (Röding). (from Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, pl. 51, fig. 5).

### *Strombus labiatus* subspecies *labiatus* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 20, figs. 22, 23; pl. 44, pl. 45, figs. 1-6)

*Range*—Southeast Asia to Japan, Australia and Melanesia.

*Remarks*—This is an abundant and well-known species in the central part of its range. It is very variable in size, coloration and sculpture. It may be strongly or weakly ribbed and spirally corded. It is distinguished from *S. urceus* in having an orangish columella which is generally weakly lirate along its entire length (instead of whitish or black-bordered and smooth at the center), in having a more truncate siphonal canal (instead of being drawn out), and in usually having strong, axial plications and sometimes in being spirally corded over the entire outer surface. The geographical range of *urceus* is more restricted than that of *labiatus*.

*Habitat*—*S. labiatus* is always associated with an algal bottom which is generally intertidal or relatively shallow. *S. urceus* is not as closely associated with algal bottoms, and may be dredged on pure sandy mud to a depth of 20 fathoms. The latter is seldom found on fringing reef flats. Colonies of these two species are never found co-existing, and among about 50 accurately localized collecting stations in the ANSP collection the two species were never taken at the same, immediate station.

*Description*—Shell 16 to 47 mm. ( $\frac{3}{8}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches) in length, solid, axially plicate to smoothish, varicolored, and with a yellowish to orange columella which has darker-colored, weak spiral lirae. Color of outer shell very variable, ranging from brown, greenish, gray, or yellowish maculations, flecks, broken bands and axial streaks to a solid light-yellow or orangish. Whorls 8 to 10. Nuclear whorls 3, bulimoid, glossy, smooth, translucent whitish, tan or brown-banded. First postnuclear whorl with about 10 microscopic, spiral incised lines. Next whorl with fewer incised lines, but with a weak subsutural cord and with about 20 weak, rounded axial ribs which in later whorls become noduled at the carinate shoulder. Penultimate whorl with 12 to 16 axial, well-shouldered ribs; whorls rarely rounded and rarely without ribs. Last whorl with 8 to 12 axial plications which are crowded, long and slanting on the rounded parietal wall, but on the dorsum are developed into 2 or 3 shoulder knobs. Last whorl rarely smooth and with a rounded shoulder. Base of whorl with 8 to 10 flat spiral cords, which in some specimens are raised and rounded and extend over the entire surface of the last three whorls. Siphonal canal truncate below.

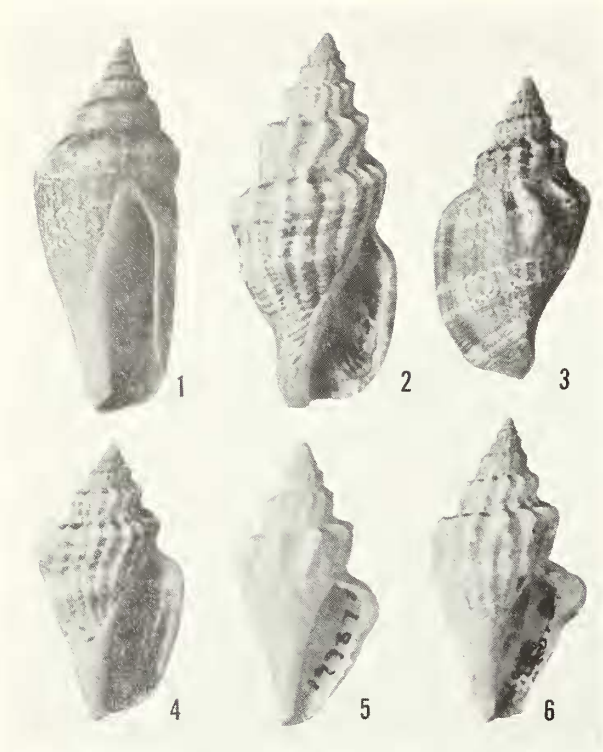


Plate 45. *Strombus labiatus* (Röding). Figs. 1-4, adults, Cebu Island, Philippines. 5 and 6, immatures, Cebu Island, Philippines. All natural size.

Columella narrow, with a sharp left edge, glossy, orange to yellowish orange and with about 30 to 40 spiral stripes of darker brownish orange. On these are raised lirae throughout the length of the columella in some specimens, and raised lirae only at the upper and lower end in other specimens. The upper lirae are usually uneven, broken or intertwining. Interior of body whorl with numerous, crowded, raised brownish purple, spiral lirae. The coloration extends almost out to the edge of the lip. Stromboid notch well or poorly developed. Spire with none or 1 to 11 very small, whitish, axial, swollen, former varices. In young specimens there is usually a brownish or purplish color patch on the upper and inner portion of the parietal or columellar wall. Periostracum thin, smoothish, translucent grayish and flakes off when dry. Operculum stromboid, not arching, light-brown, with 8 to 9 well-developed serrations, and with a longitudinal concave channel on the outer side.

Radular ribbon 4 to 5 mm. in length and with about 38 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg) and 1-2 (plug peg); 4; 5. The inner marginal is considerably smaller and broader than the outer marginal. Animal (preserved) mottled with red maculations and with a red ring around the eye. Posterior mantle filament 2 to 2.5 mm. in length.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
47.0	24.2	8+	(giant; Okinawa Id.)
44.0	23.1	8+	(large; Okinawa Id.)
35.1	17.5	10	(average; Luzon Id.)
22.1	12.8	8	(small; Luzon Id.)
17.5	10.0	8	(dwarf; Schouten Ids.)

#### Synonymy—

- 1798 *Lambis labiatus* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 63, no. 806 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 804-805.
- ?1807 *Lambis reticulata* Link, Besch. Natur.-Sammlung, Rostock, vol. 2, p. 108. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 806.
- 1816 *Strombus plicatus* Lamarck, Le Liste, Paris, p. 3; Encyclop. Méthod., pl. 408, fig. 2a and b (no locality); 1822, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 210 (Molucques); 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 31, fig. 1 (not fig. 1b). Non Röding 1798, non Mühlfeld 1829.
- 1850 *Strombus dentatus* Linné, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, pl. 9, fig. 17. Not Linné, 1758; 1844, Duclos, in Chenu's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, pl. 5, figs. 1-6.
- 1925 *Strombus (Canarium) plicatus* Lamarck, Oostingh, Mededeel. Landbouwhoogeschool Wageningen, vol. 29, pt. 1, pp. 59-69, form B only.
- ?1931 *Canarium otiohum* Iredale, Records Australian Mus., vol. 18, no. 4, p. 212, pl. 23, fig. 6 (Sydney Harbour, N.S.W., Australia) [probably an immature].
- 1946 *Strombus ustulatus* form *plicatus* Lamarck, Dodge, Amer. Mus. Novitates, no. 1314, p. 2, fig. 3.
- 1959 *Canarium dentatum* Linné, Kira, Coloured Illus. Shells of Japan, Osaka, 2nd ed., p. 35, pl. 15, fig. 6.

*Types*—Röding's species is based upon figures 804 and 805 of vol. 3 of Martini's Conchylien-Cabinet. Röding gave no type locality. Martini mentioned Amboina, Indonesia, which we hereby designate as the type locality. Figure 806 is probably also *labiatus*, but 803 is an *urceus*, probably from the mainland of southeastern Asia. The former is the type figure for *reticulata* Link. The type of *plicatus* Lamarck is figured in "mirror image" on plate 408, fig. 2, a, b of the Tableau Encyclop. Méthod., pt. 23. It is the common Philippine plicate form.

*Nomenclature*—Various names have been applied to this species by various authors. *S. plicatus* Lamarck, 1816 is frequently seen in the literature. That name is a homonym of *plicatus* (Röding, 1798). *S. urceus* of authors (not of Linné) and *ustulatus* of authors (not Schumacher) have also been used. See further discussion under the nomenclature of *urceus*.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 46. Solid dots: specimens examined. No literature records used)—ANDAMAN ISLANDS: Port Blair (W. N. Carpenter, USNM). THAILAND: Koh Chang, Gulf of Siam (USNM). JAPAN: Shirohama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu Id. (T. Habe, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: abundant throughout most, if not all, of the islands. INDONESIA: Keledjitan, Bantam, Java (USNM); Amboina, Moluccas (MCZ). AUSTRALIA: Port Douglas, Queensland (Tony Marsh, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: Touho Bay and reef at Yate (both G. and M. Kline, 1958, NSF). NEW HEBRIDES: Aore Id. (MCZ).

PALAU ISLANDS: reef, Karamando Bay, Babelthuap Id., rare (NSF, 1955). FIJI: Lambasa, Vanua Levu Id. (ANSP); Buca Bay, Vanua Levu Id. (R. T. Abbott, MCZ). Natakala, Ovalau Id. (T. Dranga, MCZ). [The USNM has one Guam specimen of doubtful authenticity.]

*Fossil records*—No authentic fossil records exist, since none of the records for "*plicatus* Lamarck," etc. have been illustrated.

*Strombus labiatus subspecies  
olydius* Duclos, 1844

(Pl. 20, figs. 18, 19)

*Range*—Central East Africa to Mauritius and Ceylon.

*Remarks and description*—This subspecies is limited to the western part of the Indian Ocean. It is uncommon in collections. In external characters, such as sculpture and color, it shows no appreciable difference from the East Indian *labiatus labiatus*. The aperture, however, consistently shows a striking difference both in color and sculpture. The columella is light-mauve to brownish purple with broad, raised, enamel-white spiral lirae. In immature specimens the lirae may be obsolete at the center of the columella and coloration may be limited to only a few brownish purple, fine streaks. Inside of body whorl and outer lip heavily pigmented with mauve over which are numerous, irregular, raised, fine spiral lirae. Operculum stromboid, similar to *labiatus*, and with 9 serrations. Eye in preserved specimens with a narrow red ring, and posterior to this a narrow yellowish one. Radula 4 mm., with 35 rows, and similar to *labiatus* and *urceus*. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-4 (plus peg); 4; 5. The body has a marble-like color pattern similar to that of *urceus*.

*Habitat*—Found on intertidal, weedy, dead coral reefs.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
47.5	19.5	9	(large; Zanzibar)
38.7	20.8	9+	(average; Zanzibar)
31.5	14.5	8+	(small; Madagascar)

*Synonymy*—

1844 *Strombus olydius* Duclos, in Chen's Illustrations Conchyliologiques, Paris, vol. 4, Strombus, p. 4, pl. 5, fig. 7 (no locality).

1929 *Strombus urceus* Linné, var. *olydius* Duclos, Dautzenberg, Faune des Colonies Françaises, Paris, vol. 3, pt. 4, p. 470.

*Types*—The type of *olydius* is presumably in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. No locality was given by Duclos. We hereby designate Nossi-bé, northwest Madagascar, as the type locality.

*Nomenclature*—We know no synonyms of *olydius*. It has been put in the synonymy of *plicatus* Lamarck and *urceus* Linné by most previous authors.

*Records*—KENYA: Kikambala, 15 mi. north of Mombasa (Coryndon Mus. no. 2582). TANGANYIKA: Mboa Magi (R. T. Abbott, USNM). MOZAMBIQUE: Port Amelia (USNM). ZANZIBAR: Kiwengwa; Mangapwani; Fumba; Mazizini (all NSF, 1957). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP; MCZ). MAURITIUS: (N. Pike, MCZ). CEYLON: Hikkaduwa (R. Jonkass, ANSP).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

*Strombus labiatus subspecies  
gendinganensis* Martin, 1899

*Range*—Fossil (Pliocene) of Java, Indonesia, the Philippines and possibly Taiwan.

*Remarks*—This subspecies differs from the living *labiatus* in usually having the axial riblets and the elongate shoulder and parietal plications greatly re-

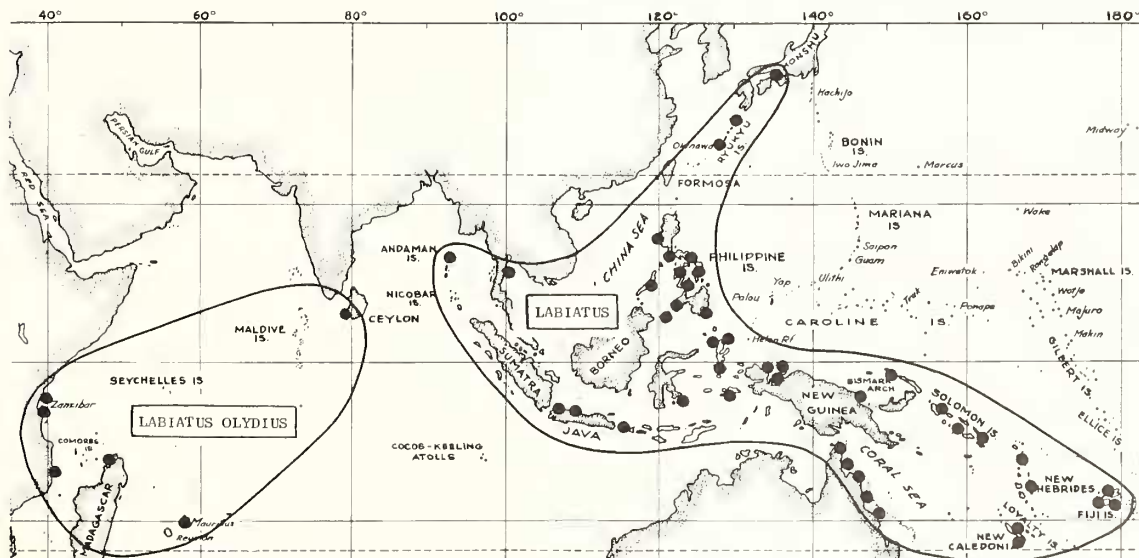


Plate 46. Geographical distribution of *Strombus labiatus labiatus* (Röding) and *Strombus labiatus olydius* Duclos.

duced. Many of the Pliocene literature records of *plicatus* Lamarck in the Indonesian area are probably this subspecies (see Altena's listings, 1942, vol. 12, p. 55-57). From his description (but not illustration), it would appear that *gendinganensis* occurs in the Pliocene, Byoritu Beds of Taiwan (Nomura, 1935, p. 179). Dickerson's *Strombus dentatus sonde* is a slightly more plicate form of this subspecies. For Abrard's 1946 Pliocene New Hebrides record, see under *urceus* Linné.

#### Synonymy—

- 1899 *Strombus (Canarium) gendinganensis* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 187, pl. 30, figs. 432, 432a (typical), 433, 433a (atypical) (Pliocene, Java); 1942, Altena, Leidsche Geologische Mededeelingen, vol. 12, p. 57 (Pliocene, Java); 1922, Dickerson, Philippine Jour. Science, vol. 20, no. 2, p. 225, pl. 5, fig. 4 (Vigo Group, Upper Miocene [? Pliocene], Bondoc Peninsula, Luzon Id., Philippines).
- 1899 *Strombus dentatus* Linn. var., K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 188, pl. 30, fig. 437 [or is *labiatus* Röding] (Java, Pliocene).
- 1922 *Strombus dentatus sonde* "Martin" Dickerson, Philippine Jour. Science, vol. 20, no. 2, p. 225, pl. 5, fig. 7 (Vigo Group, Bondoc Peninsula, Luzon Id.).

### *Strombus klineorum* new species

(Pl. 20, figs. 20, 21)

*Range*—Known only from Ceylon.

*Remarks*—This distinctive new species is so far known only from the area around Ceylon. It closely resembles *labiatus* Röding in morphological characters but appears consistently different in the following characters: parietal wall smooth and somewhat flattened; outer half of columella salmon red to reddish yellow, the inner half being a solid purplish black; penultimate whorl with fewer shoulder knobs; and the shoulder of the outer lip extending to the shoulder above.

*Habitat*—Found along the shores of Ceylon in 2 to 5 feet of water on a sandy mud and rocky bottom in company with *Conus*, *Cypraea* and *Bursa* (G. and M. Kline). Shallow water within fringing reef, common (R. Jonklass).

*Description*—Adult shell 17 to 37 mm. ( $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches) in length, smoothish, except for strong knobs at the shoulder, with a brightly colored aperture, and resembling *labiatus*. Whorls 7 to 9. Nuclear whorls 3, glassy, smoothish, translucent tan and moderately rounded. Postnuclear whorls with 7 to 10 fine incised spiral lines which in the third whorl become crossed by 16 to 19 rounded, evenly spaced axial ribs which become increasingly nodu-

lated at the central shoulder. The penultimate whorl has usually 11 (rarely 14) small knobs and the body whorl only 3, of which the last is very large and blunt and located  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a whorl back from the swollen varix. Ventral wall peculiarly flattened and smooth. Suture slightly impressed and bordered below by a weak, small spiral cord only in the first 3 or 4 postnuclear whorls. Color of outer shell olivaceous brown with suffused maculations of light yellow-brown. Center of body whorl with 2 or 3 narrow spiral bands of tiny clusters of opaque-white dots. Aperture squarish at the top, broader below. Upper end of outer lip shouldered by a large swelling. Columella slightly arching, with a strong border on its left. The outer border of the columella and the inner narrow border of the outer lip are bright carmine to yellowish red. The entire inner half of the columella and a broad band inside the outer lip are very dark blackish purple. Deep within the aperture whitish to cream. Columella smooth at the center, but with spiral teeth at the lower and upper fourth. Inside of body whorl with numerous, raised, fine, black or gray spiral lirae. Tip of short, straight siphonal canal without a black stain. Periostracum thin, translucent, and smoothish. Operculum stromboid, slightly less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the shell, not arching, light-brown, with about 8 small serrations, and with a weak central rib on the attachment side. Body coloration similar to that of *urceus*.

#### Measurements (mm.)—(all adults from Ceylon)

length	width	no. whorls	
35	20	8.5	(holotype, ANSP 247621)
36	20	8.5	(paratype, ANSP 211121)
27	15	8.0	(paratype, ANSP 211121)
26	14	7.0	(paratype, ANSP 211173)
19	10	7.0	(paratype, ANSP 211173)

#### Synonymy—

- 1844 *Strombus urceus* L., Duclou, in Chenu, Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 2, pl. 5, figs. 10, 11. Non Linné 1758; 1850, Reeve, Conch. Iconica, vol. 6, pl. 11, fig. 24a.

*Types*—The type locality is Powder Bay, near Trincomalee, Ceylon. Collected by George F. and Mary Kline on January 17, 1957. Holotype is ANSP no. 247621, paratypes in ANSP 211121 and 211173; paratype in MCZ 224889. The species is named with pleasure after the Klines who have been indefatigable collectors for the Department of Mollusks at the Academy.

*Locality records* (see map, pl. 43)—CEYLON: Kacheri, Powder Bay, and south shore of Fort Frederick, all Trincomalee (NSF). Akurala, S.W. end of island (R. Jonklass, ANSP). [Literature records from Ceylon and southern India of *S. plicatus* Lamarck, *S. urceus* Linné, etc. may be this species.]

*Strombus microureus* (Kira, 1959)

(Pl. 20, figs. 24, 25)

*Range*—Southern Japan to the East Indies, Australia, Melanesia and to Samoa.

*Remarks*—This small and attractive species has several characters which separate it from closely resembling *mutabilis* and *urceus*. It is a Southwest Pacific species rather than a widely dispersed one like *mutabilis*. *S. microureus* has a distinctive columella. The outer half is yellowish to whitish orange; the inner half is very dark brownish purple. Across the latter run about 25 to 30, fine, short, spiral lines of yellowish which usually coincide with minutely raised spiral lirae. The latter are usually rather weak or absent near the middle of the columella. Deep within the aperture, the inside of the body whorl is whitish to yellowish, but towards the outer lip there is a broad, well-defined, longitudinal band of dark brownish purple which is crossed by about 50 to 60 whitish, raised, spiral lirae. The exterior of the siphonal canal has a small purplish patch, a feature absent in *mutabilis*. Just behind the outer lip and just below the suture, there is usually a peculiar elongate patch of grayish green or bluish gray.

We have seen one specimen presumably from Zanzibar which closely resembles *microureus* in many respects, except that the columella is smoothish and white in the center, and the shoulder of the last whorl bears several evenly-sized, axially-pinched, short knobs. When more material is at hand, this may prove to be a valid Indian Ocean subspecies of *microureus*.

*Habitat*—This is a relatively uncommon species, or at least sparse in numbers wherever it occurs. It has been collected on sandy and rocky areas just below low tide and dredged in depths from 1 to 12 fathoms on sand and dead coral bottoms.

*Description*—Adult shell 14 to 27 mm. (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch) in length, solid, smoothish, somewhat quadrate in shape and resembling *mutabilis*. Whorls 7 to 8. Nuclear whorls 3, glassy, smooth, translucent tan and well-rounded. Postnuclear whorl microscopically reticulate. Second, third and fourth postnuclear whorls bear 4 to 5 incised spiral lines, numerous, weak axial nodules and 3 to 5 old, whitish, swollen varices. Body whorl bears 3 to 6 blunt nodules at the shoulder, the last two being the largest and placed well back from the outer lip. Suture moderately indented and bordered below by a single, strong rounded cord which is rarely spirally striate. Color of outer shell variable but usually a cream to white background overlaid with brown and/or yellowish reticulations, maculations, suf-

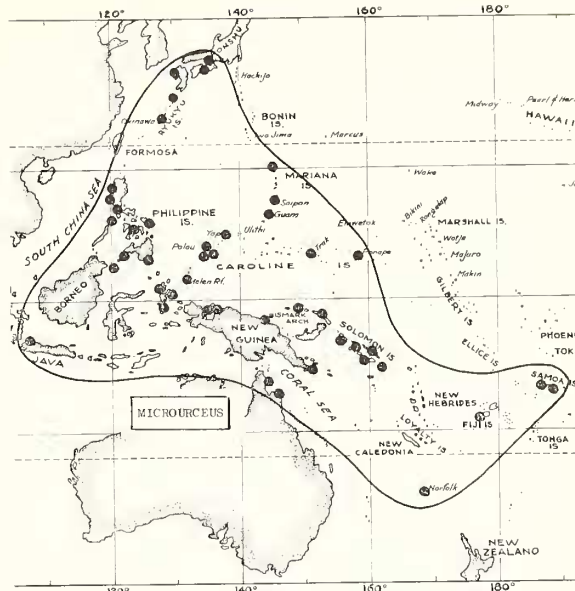


Plate 47. Geographical distribution of *Strombus microureus* (Kira).

fused spiral bands and/or minute stripes or bars. Outside of base of shell typically with 2 irregular patches or blue-brown. An all yellow or orange phase occurs rarely. Aperture narrow above, broad below. Columella slightly concave, smooth and yellowish orange along the outer border, but within the aperture it is dark purple-brown. The latter area bears 22 to 32 narrow, spiral flames or streaks of yellowish orange which on the lower and upper part of the columella bear raised, rounded teeth. Inside of outer lip with a wide band of dark purple-brown over which are numerous, irregular, raised spiral lirae or teeth. Deep interior of aperture dirty white to yellowish. Stromboid notch on lower outer lip relatively narrow and well-developed. Base of shell with 11 to 14 strong, rounded, spiral threads.

Periostracum very thin (peels off when dry), not smooth and light-tan. Operculum stromboid, one third the length of the shell and with 7 serrations.

Radula ribbon 2 mm. in length, with 29 rows and similar to *mutabilis*. Its formula is: 2-1-2; 1-2 (plus peg); 5; 7. Preserved animals cream with sparse orange spots. Verge half the length of the shell, long, slender, with weak, lemon mottlings and a large lamellated pad at the distal end (Upolu Id., Samoa).

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
27.0	14.0	7	(large; Okinawa Id.)
22.0	10.5	7	(average; Palau Ids.)
14.0	7.0	6	(small; Mindanao Id.)

*Synonymy*—

- 1955 *Canarium microureum* "Kuroda, MS" Kira, Coloured Illust. Shells Japan, Osaka, ed. 1, pl. 15, fig. 5 (nude name).  
 1959 *Canarium microureum* "Kuroda, MS" Kira, Coloured Illust. Shells Japan, Osaka, ed. 2, p. 37, pl. 15, fig. 5 (Honshu southward).

*Types*—A general geographic range was given by Kira (central Honshu and southward), and we hereby restrict the type locality to Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu Id., Japan (ANSP no. 234923). The type figured by Kira is presumably in the collection of Mr. Tetuaki Kira of Japan.

*Nomenclature*—Although Kuroda is given as the author of this species, it was a manuscript name and must now bear Kira as the author.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 47; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: from the literature) —JAPAN: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu (T. Habe, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: shore reefs, Cape Santiago, Batangas Prov., Luzon Id. (Dayrit and Abbott, ANSP); Gigmoto, Catanduanes Id. (ANSP). Also Panay, Mindoro, Mindanao Ids. (USNM). INDONESIA: Keledjitan, Bantam, Java. AUSTRALIA: Green Id., near Cairns, Queensland (MCZ). LORD HOWE ISLAND: (H. L. Clark, MCZ). MARIANAS: Agrighan Id. (Robert R. Hill, ANSP); Agat Bay, Guam Id. (A. J. Ostheimer, NSF). CAROLINES: Ponape Id. (V. Wertley, ANSP); Yap and Elato Atoll (both USNM). FIJI: Suva, Viti Levu Id. (H. S. Ladd, USNM). SAMOA: east side of Vaialele Bay, Upolu Id. (A. J. and Ruth Ostheimer, 1955, NSF).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

***Strombus mutabilis* Swainson, 1821**

(Pl. 20, figs. 15, 16, 17)

*Range*—The entire tropical Indo-Pacific exclusive of Hawaii, the Line Islands, Marquesas and Easter Island.

*Remarks*—This is a very widely distributed species which is common on reef flats. It is characterized by its somewhat quadrate shape and roscinted aperture. The columella is pink, rose or faint brownish rose over which are 30 to 40 broad, raised, sometimes bifurcating, white, spiral lirae. Where specimens have been heavily covered with algal growths, an abnormal glaze may also cover them (as in some New Caledonia specimens).

*S. mutabilis* is apt to be confused with *urceus* (which has a longer, purple-tipped siphonal canal), with *maculatus* (which has a flattish spire and a white, smooth columella), with *labiatus* (which has axial riblets on the whorls in the spire) and with *microureus* (which has the inner half of the columella blackish purple).

*Strombus mutabilis*, despite its variations in color and size among individuals, is a fairly constant species as a whole throughout its range. We recognize one weak subspecies in the Mauritius area—a

golden-throated, white-columella shell, *mutabilis ochroglottis* Abbott. It has not appeared in Madagascar or East African collections, and one old specimen from P. P. Carpenter in the USNM supposedly from Aqaba, Red Sea, we look upon with suspicion.

Abbott (1949, pp. 59-60) has demonstrated the existence of sexual dimorphism in the shell length of *mutabilis*. In the colony of 462 specimens from Agana Bay, Guam Island, Marianas, the mode of the shell length of the entire colony was 23 mm., that of the 210 males was 20.8 mm. and that of the 252 females was 24.1 mm. The range in size of the two sexes, however, was such that the character of the shell length cannot be used as an indication of sex, except for the generalization that the largest specimens are female and the very smallest are males.

The rare color form, *zebriolatus* Adam and Leloup, (see pl. 20, fig. 17) possesses long, dark-brown to chestnut, axial, narrow, zigzag color stripes. It was originally found in Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea, and the Academy collection contains specimens from Catanduanes, Philippines; Okinawa Id., Ryukyus; Babelthuap Id., Palaus; and Ponape Id., Carolines. We have not seen this color form in Indian Ocean specimens.

A pure orange color form occasionally occurs in some colonies. We have seen specimens from Zanzibar, Ryukyu Islands, Luzon Island (Philippines), Choiseul Island (Solomons), Padaido Islands (Dutch New Guinea) and Upolu Island in Western Samoa.

*Habitat*—Found in colonies from the intertidal zone to a depth of 10 fathoms, although it more

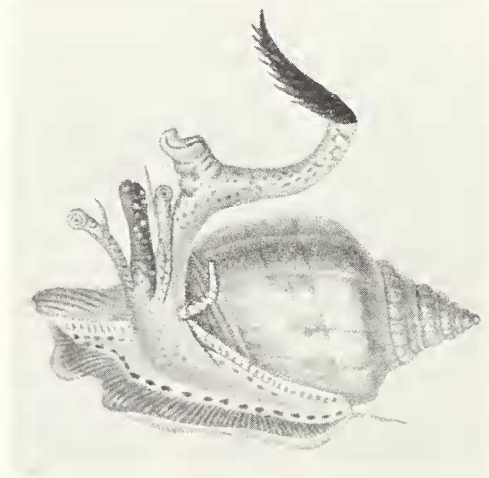


Plate 48. Living animal of male *Strombus mutabilis* Swainson. (from Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, pl. 51, fig. 12).



commonly is found just below the low tide line. Found where there is a mixture of coral sand or sandy mud and algae, whether these conditions are on outer reef flats, lagoons or sheltered shallow bays. The water may be clear or turbid. It is often associated with *Strombus gibberulus*, but not, to my knowledge, found intermingled with *S. maculatus*.

*Description*—Adult shell 16 to 40 mm. (about  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches) in length, solid, smoothish, varicolored, somewhat quadrate in shape, and with a pinkish aperture and striate columella. Whorls 8 to 9. Nuclear whorls 3, glassy, smooth, translucent white and well-rounded. First postnuclear whorl with 5 to 7 microscopic, incised, spiral lines which become obsolete in the penultimate or last whorl. By the second postnuclear whorl, a strong, rounded cord appears just below the indented suture but which may again disappear on the last fourth of the body whorl. Spire with 1 or 2 to as many as 15 swollen, whitish, sometimes broad, former axial varices. Whorls in spire usually shouldered, smoothish or axially ribbed or with small, weak nodules. Last whorl with 3 or 4 ill-formed, swollen, nodules at the shoulder which are located  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a whorl back from the swollen outer lip. Base of shell with about a dozen small, spiral threads. Parietal wall evenly rounded and smooth. Columella enameled, pinkish brown to mauve-brown over which are 30 to 40 rather broad, raised, whitish, rarely bifurcating, spiral lirae which are strongest at the base of the columella. Inside of the body whorl usually pink, sometimes whitish or mottled with brownish, and bearing numerous, fine, raised, whitish, spiral lirae which usually run out to the edge of the outer lip. Stromboid notch poorly to well-developed. Upper end of the aperture squarish and bounded on the right by a swollen portion of the outer lip. Siphonal canal short. Color of outer shell variable but usually bright: maculated, flecked, banded and spotted with either browns, yellows, blacks or orange. Rarely unicolor; rarely with long, zigzag axial flames or streaks of chestnut-brown (form *zebriolata* Adam and Leloup). Periostracum thin, smoothish and translucent yellowish. Operculum stromboid, barely arching, dark- to light-brown, with 8 to 12 small, sharp serrations, and with a concave, longitudinal channel down the middle of the outer surface.

Radula ribbon delicate, 3 to 4 mm. in length, with 36 to 42 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-2 (plus peg); 4 or 5; 5 or 6. Verge slender, simple, with an elongate, lamellated, distal pad. Its base is green with white, embedded granules and orange

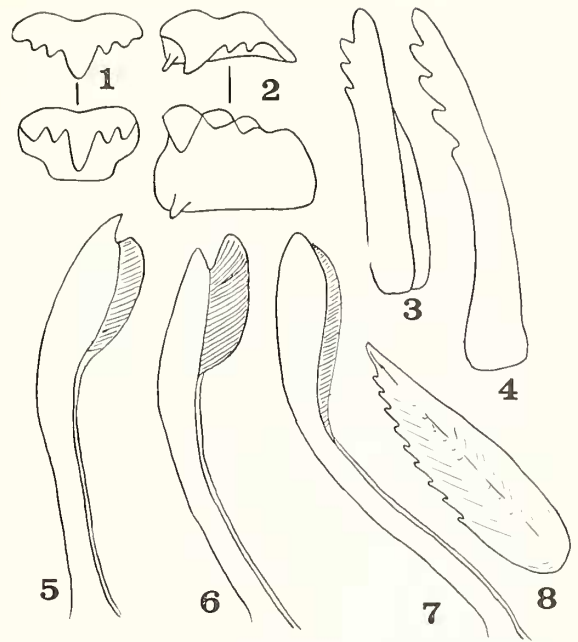


Plate 49. Figs. 1-5, radula and verge of *Strombus mutabilis* Swainson, Luzon Island, Philippines. 6, verge of *S. microurceus* (Kira), Upolu Island, Western Samoa. 7 and 8, verge and operculum of *S. terebellatus afrobellatus* Abbott, Zanzibar.

spots. The distal half is mottled in green. Posterior mantle filament green or orange and 2 mm. in length. See plate 49, figs. 1-5.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
40.1	22.9	8	(large; Kenya)
33.5	17.3	8	(average; Samar Id.)
15.8	8.3	7	(small; Samoa)

#### Synonymy—

- 1821 *Strombus mutabilis* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, London, series 1, vol. 2, pl. 71 (East Indies). Also refers to figures of Seba, pl. 61, figs. 26, 27, etc.; Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 799 and 807; Knorr, pt. 2, pl. 14, fig. 3.
- 1822 *Strombus floridus* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 211 (Océan indien et des Moluques). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 807-809; Lister, pl. 848, fig. 3; and others.
- 1840 *Strombidea mutabilis* Swainson, Treatise on Malacology, London, p. 310 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 807.
- 1844 *Strombus epimellus* Duclos, in Chenu, Illustr. Conch., vol. 4, p. 3, pl. 16, figs. 11, 12; pl. 22, figs. 5, 6.
- 1852 *Strombus fosciculosus* "Martini" Mörch, Cat. Conchyl. Yoldi, vol. 1, p. 63 (Indies orientalis).
- 1876 *Strombus flammeus* Link, Issel and T.-Canefri, Annali Mus. Civico Storia Nat. Genova, vol. 8, p. 346. Also of other authors, Mörch, 1852; Iredale, 1931; Abbott, 1949 (Nautilus, vol. 63, no. 2, p. 58), 1950; Dodge, 1946. Not Link, 1807.
- 1938 *Strombus floridus* Lamarck form *zebriolata* "Dautzenberg" Adam and Leloup, Mém. Mus. Roy. Hist. Nat. Belgique, special series, vol. 2, fasc. 19, p. 117, pl. 1, fig. 7 (Manokwari, Dutch New Guinea).

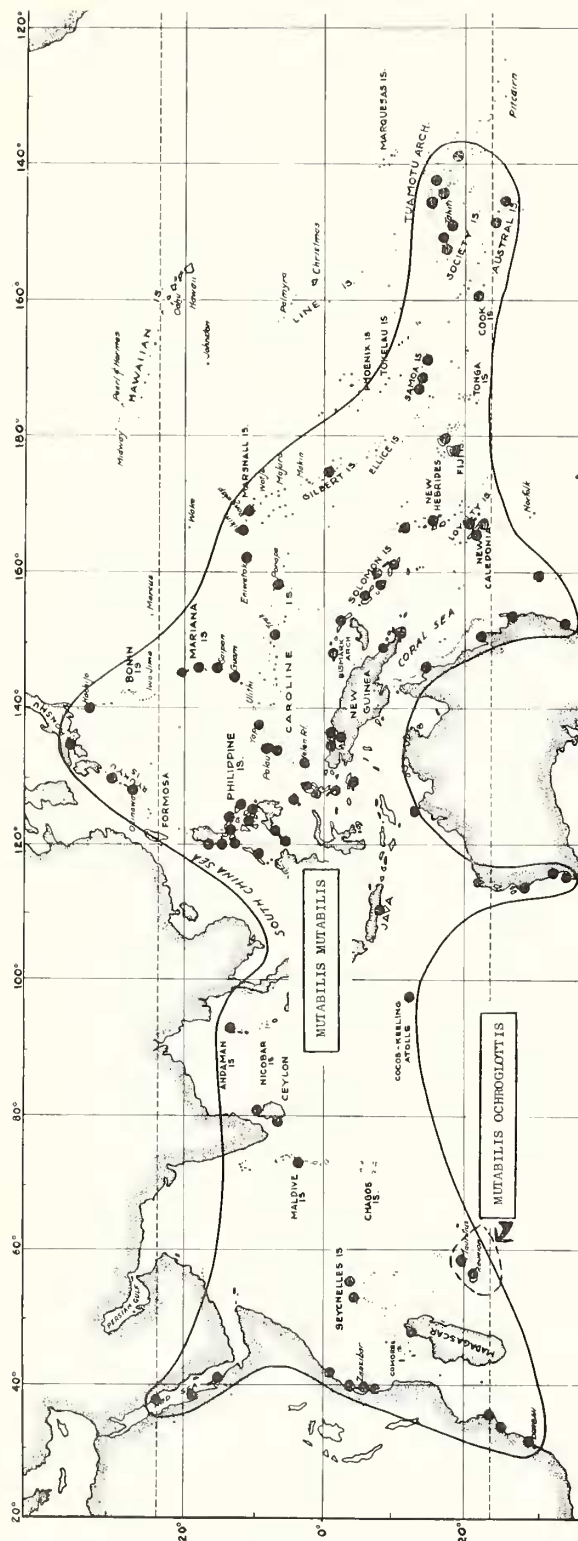


Plate 50. Geographical distribution of *Strombus mutabilis* Swainson, and its subspecies *ochroglottis* Abbott in Mauritius.

*Types*—The whereabouts of Swainson's type of *mutabilis* is unknown. His type locality was "East Indies" which we further restrict to Cebu City, Cebu Island, Philippines.

*Nomenclature*—Mörch seems to be the earliest author responsible for associating the name *flammeus* Link, 1807 with the species. We believe this to be entirely unjustified, since Link's name is based upon figure 799, of vol. 3, Conchylien-Cabinet. Martini's description, synonymy and figure are surely the young of *Strombus decorus* Röding of the Indian Ocean. Lamarek's well-known name, *floridus*, has been abandoned for many years because it was published a year later than Swainson's.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 50; solid dots: specimens examined)—NATAL: Durban Bay (USNM). MOZAMBIQUE: Mozambique City (K. Groseh, ANSP). KENYA: Malindi (USNM). RED SEA: Aqaba (MCZ, ANSP); Jidda (USNM); Geb Zebara, Egypt (ANSP). ZANZIBAR: Paje; Chumbe Id.; Ras Nungwe; Fumba; Mangapwani; Chwaka; Mazizini (all NSF, 1957). MADAGAS: CAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP). SEYCHELLES: Frigate Id.; Beau Vallon, Mahé Id. (both Yale Peabody Mus.) MALDIVES: Hulule Id., N. Male Atoll; Can Id., Addu Atoll (both Yale Peabody Mus.) CEYLON: Hikkaduwa (G. and M. Kline, 1956, ANSP). COCOS-KEELING ATOLL: (USNM). JAPAN: Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu Id. (T. Habe, ANSP); Haehijo Id., 275 south of Tokyo (A. R. Cahn, ANSP). RYUKYUS: Oshima, Osumi (MCZ); Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Seott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: common throughout the islands: Luzon, Cebu, Samar, Cantanduanes, Bohol, Negros, Marinduque, Cuyo, Camiguin, Mindanao, Sulu Archipelago (ANSP, USNM and/or ANSP). INDONESIA: Tjilaoet Eureun, south Java (USNM); Amboina (MCZ). AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Yallingup Brook; Abrolhos Id., off Geraldton (J. A. Grigg, USNM). Queensland: Green Id., near Cairns (MCZ); Low Isles (Tony Marsh, ANSP); Wilson Id., Capriern Group (MCZ). New South Wales: The Entrance, and Woolgoolga (both W. E. Old, Jr., ANSP). LORD HOWE ISLAND: (Tomlin, MCZ). CAROLINES: Yap Id. (C. O. Kile, ANSP). MARSHALL ISLANDS: common at Bikini, Eniwetok, Rongelap, and Wotho (USNM). AUSTRAL ISLANDS: Rurutu Id. (Aubert de la Rue, ANSP). Tubuai Id. (H. J. Klein, ANSP). TUAMOTUS: Takume Atoll; Ngarumaoa Id., Raroia Atoll (both J. P. E. Morrison, USNM). [Record for Hawaii in Hawaiian Shell News, vol. 8, no. 7, p. 1, 1960 appears to be *maculatus* Sowerby.]

*Fossil records*—Fossil *mutabilis* have been reported in the literature from the Pleistocene of Hawaii (J. M. Ostergaard, 1928, p. 27), the Red Sea (R. B. Newton, 1900), Viti Levu Id., Fiji (Ladd, 1934), Somalia (Abrard, 1941, p. 63), Pliocene of New Hebrides (Abrard, 1946, p. 62), and Indonesia, but I have not seen specimens to verify these records. Abrard's 1942 (vol. 18, p. 63, pl. 6, fig. 38) record is good for the Pleistocene of Khor Anghar, French Somalia.

*Strombus mutabilis subspecies  
ochroglottis new subspecies*

(Pl. 20, figs. 9, 10)

*Range*—Known only from Mauritius, Indian Ocean.

*Remarks and description*—Colonies of this species from Mauritius are so uniformly different in their apertural coloration and in some sculptural details from colonies elsewhere in the Indo-Pacific that we

have allotted them to a subspecific rank. However, the differences are not always entirely consistent. The new subspecies *ochroglottis* differs in having the greater part of the columella pure white, while deep inside the aperture, both along the columella and the inner part of the body whorl, there is a chrome-yellow taint. In most specimens the columella is smooth along the central portion. Most, but not all, specimens are more coarsely noded and with a higher spire than most typical *mutabilis*. Also, the weak, small splotches of green found below the suture in the last whorl are absent in Mauritius specimens.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
28.0	16.0	7	(holotype, ANSP)
35.9	20.0	7+	(large, paratype)
27.0	15.0	7	(average, paratype)
16.1	9.0	6	(small, paratype)

*Habitat*—Unknown; presumably shallow-water or intertidal.

*Synonymy*—None; nor have we located any pre-Linnaean figures.

*Types*—The type locality is Mauritius, Indian Ocean. Holotype, ANSP no. 250187; paratypes, ANSP no. 185466; USNM no. 26652a and 465685; and in the MCZ.

*Locality records*—Known only from Mauritius. [A single Red Sea record in the USNM is probably an erroneous locality].

*Strombus mutabilis subspecies  
ostergaardi Pilsbry, 1921*

(Plate 51)

*Range*—Pleistocene of Oahu Island, Hawaii.

*Remarks and description*—This subspecies is known only from the Pleistocene. It resembles both *mutabilis* and *maculatus*, but I associate it with the former because of the nature of the sculpturing in the spire and on the columella. The shell is somewhat pear-shaped with well-rounded shoulders. The whorls in the spire bear 14 to 18 small, but distinct, shouldered axial riblets or elongate beads which disappear in the penultimate and last whorl. The columella bears about 40 small, but distinct, spiral lirae. The inside of the outer lip bears numerous fine spiral lirae. Stromboid notch moderately developed.

Ostergaard (1960, Hawaiian Shell News, vol. 8, no. 7, p. 3) reports live specimens from Kwajalein Atoll, Okinawa Id., and New Hebrides, but I have not seen these specimens. If verified, this may be considered a full species.



Plate 51. *Strombus mutabilis ostergaardi* Pilsbry. Pleistocene of Oahu Id., Hawaii. Left, holotype; right, paratype. Both  $\times 2$ .

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
24.7	12.2	9	(holotype, Honolulu)
31.2	16.1	7+	(paratype, Honolulu)
21.6	11.9	8	(paratype, Kailua)

*Synonymy*—

1921 *Strombus ostergaardi* Pilsbry, Proc. Acad. Natural Sciences Philadelphia for 1920, vol. 72, p. 320, pl. 12, figs. 27, 28 (Honolulu Harbor); 1928, Ostergaard, Bull. 51, B. P. Bishop Mus., p. 25, pl. 1, fig. B.

*Types*—The type locality is "from the dredger dump on the Harbor side of Sand Island, Honolulu Harbor," Oahu Island, Hawaii. J. M. Ostergaard, collector. Holotype in ANSP no. 74549; paratypes in ANSP nos. 247760 and 74550 (Kailua).

*Records*—Pleistocene: Oahu Island: Honolulu Harbor (ANSP); Wailupe Quarry no. 2, vicinity of Nanakuli Station; Mokapu Point; Kailua Coast (all J. M. Ostergaard, 1928, p. 25).

*Strombus maculatus* Sowerby, 1842

(Pl. 20, figs. 13, 14)

*Range*—Hawaiian Chain, Micronesia and eastern Polynesia to Easter Island.

*Remarks*—This species is abundant throughout the Hawaiian Chain and the Marshall Islands, but becomes progressively uncommon eastward towards Easter Island. Despite intensive collecting and our examining many hundreds of *Strombus* lots from the Marianas, Palau, Carolines, Solomons and Samoa, we have seen only four specimens from those areas—one live specimen each from Kayangel,

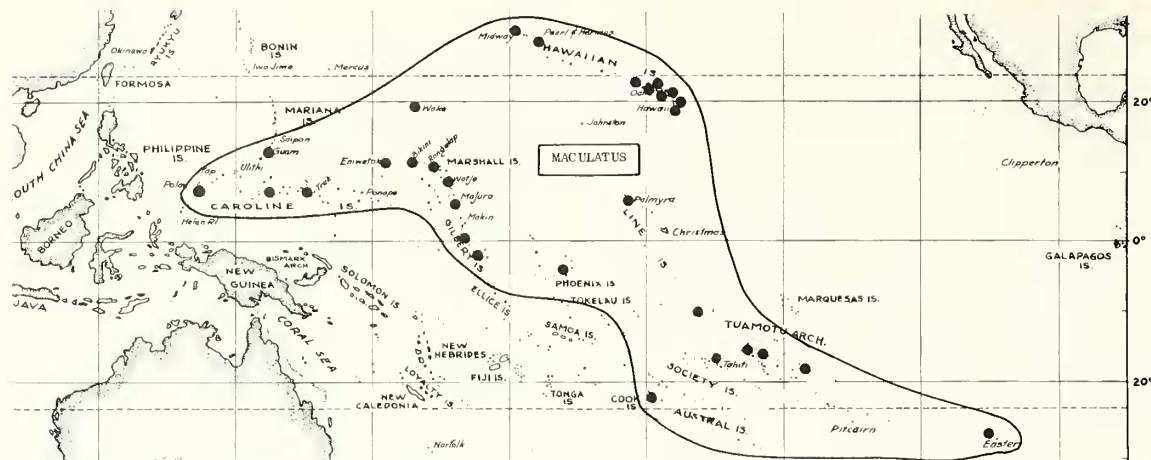


Plate 52. Geographical distribution of *Strombus maculatus* Sowerby. The species is rare in the Caroline and

Palaus (NSF station 395, 1955), Elato Atoll and Satawal, Carolines, and Guam, Marianas. I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of these four records which occur a little over 1000 miles to the leeward and west of the densely populated Marshalls. This species also occurs in emerged beaches of presumed Pleistocene age in the Hawaiians. It is possible that Polynesia is the rather recent center of origin of this species and that it is, at this moment, spreading westward. An equally speculative explanation is that *maculatus* once occupied a much larger part of the Indo-Pacific and that *mutabilis* is moving eastward and, in some unknown manner, replacing or "crowding out" *maculatus*. Disease or genetic weakness can also explain the paucity of individuals in certain parts of the range of a species.

*Strombus maculatus* is characterized by its pale color, relatively heavy shell, smoothish body whorl, rounded shoulder, the flattish whorls in its spire, its white aperture and by the smooth central portion of its glossy-white columella.

Easter Island specimens are very richly colored with axial flames of chestnut-brown over a light-brown and white spotted background. Subsequent collecting of fresh specimens from Easter and the eastern Tuamotu Islands may substantiate the presence of a subspecies of *maculatus*. This odd coloration is reminiscent of the *S. mutabilis* color form *zebrilatus* Adam and Leloup (and incidentally the color pattern of *Conus retifer* Menke). Dautzenberg and Bougé's variety *depauperatus* from Tongareva and the northwest Tuamotus is described as white or yellow with five transverse (axial) bands of small, very bright spots of reddish brown or russet. Should a subspecies exist in this area, this name might be applicable.

Mariana Islands.

Ostergaard (1950, p. 95) describes the egg mass as an entangled, single gelatinous, yellowish tube, 0.25 mm. in diameter, containing a single row of ova, each 0.10 mm. in diameter. They were laid on March 16, 1922.

The smallest adult specimen of any *Strombus* I have seen was the 8-mm.-long *maculatus* collected by Dr. J. P. E. Morrison on the reef on the oceanic side of Enyu Island, Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands.

*Description*—Adult shell 8 to 36 mm. (about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 1½ inches) in length, solid, moderately heavy, with smoothish, rounded, somewhat swollen shoulders, with a smooth central portion to the columella and with an enamel-white aperture. Color of outer shell whitish with weak maculations and fine nettings of light-yellow, light orange-brown or grayish brown. Rarely yellow with a white central band bearing irregular, small brownish spots. Very rarely with axial flames of reddish brown. Whorls 8 to 9. Nuclear whorls  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , bulimoid, glassy, smooth, translucent whitish. First postnuclear whorl with 10 to 11 very fine but deep incised spiral lines becoming reduced to 8 in the next whorl and gradually disappearing on later whorls. The first two or three postnuclear whorls have a small subsutural cord, but this becomes weak in later whorls. The same whorls may have a spiral row of very small and weak peripheral nodules or beads (12 to 14 per whorl). Other whorls in spire are smoothish and slightly convex. Former varices up to 14 and large. Shoulder of body whorl rounded, smooth, and may bear 1 to 3 very weak swellings. Surface of body whorl with numerous microscopic spiral threads. Base of shell with about a dozen weak spiral cords, either flattish or slightly rounded. Columella enamel-white, smooth at the center and usually with 3 to 7 spiral lirae at the top and 1 to 10 dentations near the base.

Inside of body whorl with 20 to 40 fine, raised spiral lirae. Stromboid notch usually quite shallow and poorly developed. Periostracum moderately thick, smoothish and translucent yellow. Opereulum stromboid, light-brown, relatively broad, thin, and with about 10 very small serrations. Soft parts not examined.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
36.1	19.1	9	(large; Hilo, Hawaii)
26.8	14.0	9	(average; Oahu Id.)
12.9	6.3	8	(small; Marshalls)
8.0	4.2	8	(dwarf; Bikini Id.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1839 *Strombus maculatus* "Nuttall" Jay, Catalog of Shells, N. Y., ed. 3, p. 82. *Nude name.*  
 1842 *Strombus maculatus* "Nuttall" Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyliorum, London, vol. 1, Strombus, p. 30, pl. 7, fig. 53 (Sandwich Islands); 1850, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, Strombus, sp. and fig. 23; 1957, Demond, Pacific Science, vol. 11, p. 296.  
 1933 *Strombus floridus* var. *depauperata* Dautzenberg and Bouge, Jour. de Conchyl., vol. 77, p. 296 (Makatea [here selected as the type locality], Apataki and Motutunga, Tuamotu Ids.).  
 1950 *Strombus maculatus* Nuttall, Ostergaard, Pacific Science, vol. 4, p. 95, fig. 17 (egg mass).

*Types*—Sowerby's type of *maculatus* is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History in London. We restrict the original type locality of "Sandwich Islands" to Kawaihoa, Oahu Id., Hawaii.

*Nomenclature*—Although sometimes credited to Nuttall or Jay, this species was first described by Sowerby in 1842.

*Records* (see accompanying map, pl. 52)—MARIANAS: Guam Id., 1 live specimen (F. J. Flatt, 1948, USNM). PALAUS: north side of Ngariungs Id., Kayangel (NSF station 395, ANSP, 1 live specimen. CAROLINES: Elato Atoll, near Lamotrek; Satawal Atoll (both USNM, but only 1 specimen). WAKE ATOLL: southeast end of Wake Island (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP). MARSHALLS: abundant on reefs on oceanic side throughout Eniwetok, Bikini, Rongelap, Uterik, Rongerik, Taka, Ailuk, Kwajalein and Lae Atolls (all USNM). GILBERTS: Apamama (USNM). PHOENIX ISLS: Canton Id.; Hull Id. (both USNM). HAWAIIAN CHAIN: Midway (Phil Spicer, ANSP). Tern Id., French Frigate Shoals (ANSP). Kauai Id. (A. Garrett, MCZ). Maui Id.: Honokowai (USNM). Oahu Id.: Kahaluu; Honolulu Harbor; Kawaihoa; Waikiki; Waianae (all H. A. Pilsbry, ANSP). Hawaii Id.: Hilo (A. J. Ostheimer, 3rd, ANSP); Napoopoo (ANSP). LINE ISLANDS: Palmyra Id. (MCZ); Flint Id. (ANSP). COOK ISLS.: Aitutake (J. P. E. Morrison, USNM); Rarotonga Id. (USNM). SOCIETY ISLS.: outer reef, Moorea Id. (H. A. Rehder, USNM). TUAMOTUS: Reao (Clermont-Tonnere) Id. (Titian R. Peale, 1824, ANSP); Takaroa Id. (A. de la Rue, ANSP); outer reef, Raroia Atoll; outer reef flats, Takume Atoll (both J. P. E. Morrison, USNM); Fakarava Id. (USNM). EASTER ISLAND: (ANSP and USNM). [A. Garrett's record of "Fiji" in ANSP collection open to question.]

*Fossil records*—HAWAIIAN CHAIN: Kauaiu Stream, Lanai Id.; Lanikai, Oahu Id.; Mokapu Peninsula, Oahu Id. (all USNM, all emerged beach of presumed Pleistocene age). LINE ISLAND: Flint Id. (1 post-Pleistocene fossil, ANSP).

**Fossil Relatives of the *urccus-mutabilis-labiatus* Group**

It would be unsatisfactory to make any decisions concerning many of the fossil forms in this group without examining good series of specimens which, however, are not available to us at this time. A few are sufficiently illustrated and described to assign them to a position close to either *Strombus urccus*, *mutabilis*, *labiatus*, *micronccus*, *maculatus* or *erythrinus*. The records quoted for *S. labiatus* Röding (as *plicatus* Lamarek) by Altena (1942, vol. 12, p. 55) from the Tertiary of the Indo-Pacific are undoubtedly based upon a wide mixture of these species. *S. gendinganensis* Martin is treated as a subspecies under *labiatus* Röding.



Plate 53. *Strombus (Canarium) unifasciatus* Martin, Mangkalihat, East Borneo, Indonesia. Lower Miocene. (from Beets, 1941, pl. 3, figs. 119-122). Natural size.

***Strombus unifasciatus* Martin, 1884**

*Range*—Lower and Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This species is very close to both *mutabilis* Swainson and *maculatus* Sowerby. Its striated columella suggests a closer affinity to the former. Martin's figures 436 and 436a are more like smooth *erythrinus*. The species was first founded upon an immature specimen. The figures given by Beets (1941, p. 65, pl. 3, figs. 119-122 and called *unifasciatus* Martin from the Lower Miocene of East Borneo appear to represent two species, one more similar to the *mutabilis* group, the other (figs. 121, 122) more like *labiatus*.

*Synonymy—*

- 1884 *Strombus (Canarium?) unifasciatus* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, vol. 3, p. 143, pl. 8, fig. 142; *ibid.*, 1899, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 187, pl. 30, figs. 434, 434a, 435 (Tjilintung, Java); 1884, K. Martin, Jaarboek Mijnenwegen in Nederland. Oost-Indië, Amsterdam, vol. 13, p. 176, pl. 8, fig. 142.

***Strombus spolongensis* Martin, 1916**

*Range*—Lower Miocene (West-Progo beds), Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This is closely related to *Strombus uni-*

*fasciatus* Martin, but without examining specimens I would hesitate to suggest its closest affinities, except to say that it resembles the Recent *maculatus-mutabilis-microurceus* group.

*Synonymy*—

1916 *Strombus (Canarium) spologensis* K. Martin, *Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 2, pt. 6, p. 245, pl. 2, fig. 46* (Gunung Spolong, Java, Upper Miocenc).

***Strombus fusiformis* Sowerby, 1842**

(Pl. 20, fig. 30)

*Range*—Red Sea and the western Indian Ocean.

*Remarks*—Although rarely seen in collections, this solid, fusiform *Strombus* is locally common in many parts of its range. It is readily recognized by its rather heavy, fusiform shell, by its relatively long posterior siphonal canal, and by the two “humps” on the shoulder of the last whorl. It differs from the similarly shaped *terebellatus* in having a thick body wall and strong spiral lirae within the aperture. Although the shell has a superficial resemblance to the *vittatus-campbelli* group, the radula indicates that it is probably not related.

*Habitat*—Occurs on sandy coral bottoms from 1 to 34 fathoms. It is rarely found in very shallow water, but has been occasionally washed ashore. The intestine contains white coral sand and foraminifera.

*Description*—Shell 26 to 45 mm. (1 to 1¾ inches) in length, solid, heavy, fusiform, smoothish and with yellow-brown maculations. Whorls 9 to 10. Angle of spire 40°. Nuclear whorls 3½, bulimoid, rapidly increasing in size, glossy, smooth, transparent and slightly rounded. Postnuclear whorls smooth, except for a single small cord below the suture which may persist to the last whorl. The spire has about 14 irregularly-spaced, low, rounded, small, whitish, former varices. Shoulder of body whorl with 2 (rarely 3) rounded, low knobs, the anterior one being smaller. Base of shell with about a dozen small, squarish, spiral cords which may also be present in the apertural varix. Aperture elongate, the posterior siphonal canal narrow, and extending straight up to or a little beyond the first suture. Inside of outer lip with 18 to 20 small but strong spiral lirae. Columella well-defined, straight, glossy, white to brownish pink, and with weak spiral lirae which, however, may be obsolete in the center portion. Stromboid notch usually poorly developed. Color of shell whitish cream, the early postnuclear whorls sometimes rose, the remainder of the shell mottled and speckled with light to dark yellowish brown.

There may be 4 or 5 very narrow, spiral, brown-dotted bands of white on the last few whorls. Columella and aperture white, rarely flushed with weak brownish pink. Periostracum very thin, smooth and translucent tan. Operculum ¼ to ⅓ the length of the shell, stromboid, light-brown, one edge with 9 sharp, small dentitions, the other edge straight, and with a strong central rib on the attachment side.

Radular ribbon very delicate, 3 mm. long (from 33 mm. Zanzibar female shell), and with 40 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-4 (plus peg) or rarely 1-3 (plus peg); 6; 8. Preserved animal cream with dark-green cobwebs and specklings on the foot, proboscis and body. Eye peduncles and tentacles yellow-chrome with white spots. Edge of mantle with a row of yellow squares. Posterior mantle filament short (3 mm.). Verge short, 10 mm. in length, simple with a rather large lamellated pad at the distal end.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
44.5	18.1	9	(large; Zanzibar)
36.5	15.0	9	(average; Zanzibar)
26.5	12.0	9	(small; Madagascar)

*Synonymy*—

1842 *Strombus fusiformis* Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conchyliorum*, London, vol. 1, p. 31, pl. 9, figs. 91, 92 (no locality); 1843, Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, Paris, vol. 4, *Strombus*, pl. 28, fig. 2; 1850, Reeve, *Conch. Icon.*, vol. 6, *Strombus*, pl. 5, sp. 7.

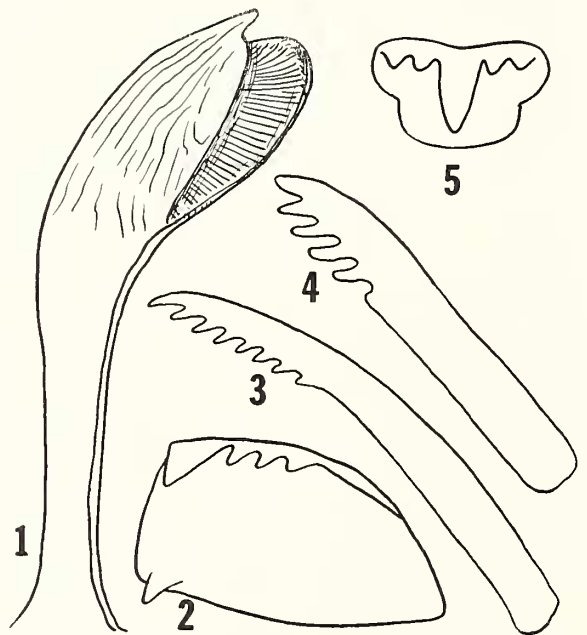


Plate 54. *Strombus fusiformis* Sowerby, Zanzibar. Fig. 1, verge. 2, lateral tooth. 3, outer marginal. 4, inner marginal. 5, central.

*Types*—The holotype is in the British Museum of Natural History in London. We hereby designate Chumbi Island, west Zanzibar, as the type locality.

*Records* (see accompanying map, pl. 55)—RED SEA: (ANSP); Gulf of Aqaba; Jubal Id. (Issel and Cancrini, 1876, p. 354). SAUDI ARABIA: Shaikh Shuaib Id., Persian Gulf, 7-10 fms. (D. Thaunum Coll'n no. 4899); near Muscat in 15 fms. (Melville and Standen, 1901, p. 380); Aden (E. A. Smith, 1891, p. 419); Berbera, Gulf of Aden (USNM). ZANZIBAR: south side of Pwakuu Id., 11-18 fms. Mnazi Moja, intertidal; 1 mi. W.N.W. of Ras. Mbweni, 7 fms.; Chumbi Id., intertidal; 3 mi. w. of Ras Chukwani, 22 fms.; 2 mi. w. of Chango Id., 15 fms.; ½ mi. w. of Ukombi Id., 6-9 fms. (all NSF, 1957). MOZAMBIQUE: Mozambique City (ANSP). MADAGASCAR: Pointe d'Ankify (Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 467); Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP). INDIAN OCEAN IDS.: Amirantes, "Sealark" Stations F2, F7, F8, 31-34 fms. (Melville, 1909, p. 93). AUSTRALIA: Reeve's 1850 record for this continent is probably erroneous.

*Fossil records*—EGYPT: Pleistocene: beach, 50 ft. alt., Gemsah (R. B. Newton, 1900, p. 508).

*Strombus erythrinus subspecies erythrinus* Dillwyn, 1817

(Pl. 20, figs. 1-5)

*Range*—For the species as a whole: Red Sea and East Africa to south Japan and to Hawaii and Ellice Islands. The subspecies *rugosus* Sowerby replaces the typical race in the Fiji and Ellice Islands.

*Remarks*—This is a wide-spread species of coral waters and is usually uncommon, except in New Caledonia where it is common. It has had a confused synonymy and is not always correctly identified in collections. It is somewhat similar to *S. labiatus* but is immediately distinguished by the purple-brown aperture and a columella which is white or yellowish and smooth on the outer half and purple-brown with weak yellowish teeth on the inner half. The apertural varix is usually crossed by numerous, small, rough, spiral cords.

The subspecies *rugosus* is limited to Fiji and the Ellice Islands, but it may occur further eastward into Polynesia. It differs from *erythrinus* in having a shorter spire, in having 3 or 4 very large knobs on the shoulder of the dorsum, a second spiral row of much smaller knobs below these, and in having an entirely white columella and aperture. Intergrades occur in the Gilbert Islands.

We cannot see any justification in considering *ruppelli* Reeve as a subspecies. We have Red Sea specimens before us that are inseparable from Pacific Ocean specimens.

Dwarf and less colorful specimens have been dredged in the Philippines, Palau Islands and Hawaii. In the Palaus, the dwarf form may have a lavender or whitish nucleus and yellowish patches on the body whorl. In New Caledonia, the shells are large and darkly banded. This species is evidently in a state of flux. Until large series are obtained from many localities, it will be imperfectly understood.

*Habitat*—This species has been dredged from 2 to 30 fathoms. In some areas, such as New Caledonia, it occurs in silty sand and algae areas just below low-water mark. In the Central Pacific it occurs either in the lagoons or outside the atolls in sparse numbers from 10 to 30 fathoms, and has been recorded from outer reefs.

*Description*—(of typical *erythrinus*). Shell 12 to 48 (usually about 32) mm. (½ to ¾ inches) in length, solid, elongate, somewhat rugose, with a purplish brown aperture and inner columella, and its exterior either whitish or marbled and banded with various shades of brown. Nuclear whorls 3,

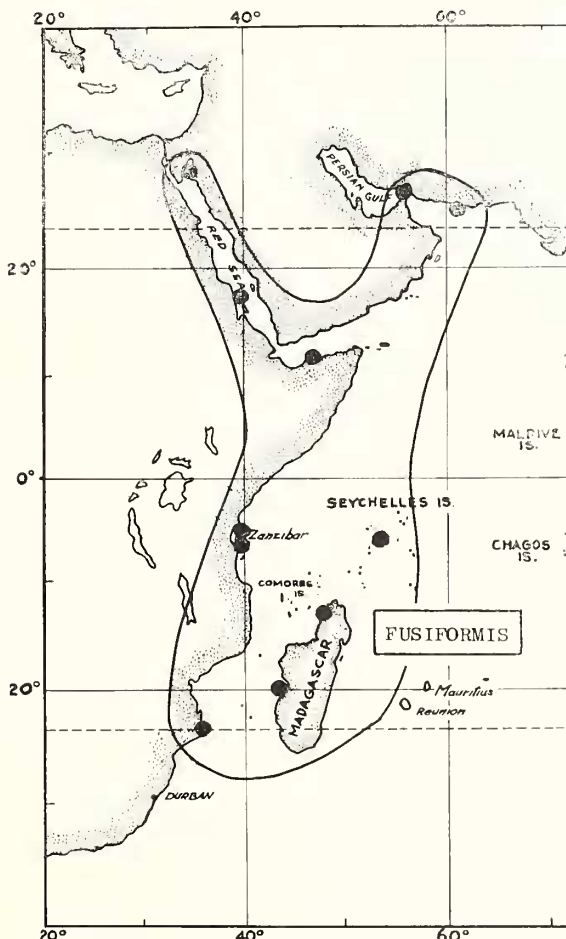


Plate 55. Geographical distribution of *Strombus fusiformis* Sowerby.

the first one very small, all smooth, translucent, usually whitish, sometimes tan or brown and rarely lavender. Postnuclear whorls moderately rounded, usually with 5 to 10 incised spiral lines which may become small, rough spiral cords in later whorls; rarely smooth. After the first two postnuclear whorls, axial riblets become dominant (12 to 17 per whorl) and may form small rounded knobs at the slightly angular mid-sutural periphery. Spire with 4 to 10 whitish, rounded, axial, former varices. Last whorl with numerous, fine, crowded, rough spiral cords or threads. There is usually a weak, rounded, weakly beaded subsutural thread present. Shoulder of last whorl rounded and bearing about 9 to 11 small, axially lengthened knobs, those on the parietal wall being smallest and longest, followed by 5 or 6 rather large ones, and the two nearest the apertural varix being again small. Apertural varix swollen, rust-brown, banded or whitish, and bearing numerous spiral threads. Below the row of shoulder knobs and above the base of the shell, there may be a very weak suggestion of a secondary spiral row. Color of shell very variable. Usually cream with light or dark suffusions of brown; sometimes whitish; sometimes with two narrow chocolate bands on the middle of the body whorl. Columella with about 24 indistinct spiral lirae or teeth which are usually very weak or absent in the middle portion. Base of columella usually brown. Inner half of columella brown or purple-brown and may have yellow spiral streaks. Outer half of columella glossy, raised, narrow, whitish or yellowish. Deep inside the aperture, the body wall is whitish to purple-brown, the latter becoming darker towards the edge of the outer lip and into the stromboid notch. There may be a white band along the inner edge of the outer lip. 20-28 fine spiral, yellowish brown, spiral threads are on the inside of the body whorl. Periostracum moderately thin, opaque, light-tan and moderately smooth. Operculum stromboid, light-brown, not arching, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the shell, with a weak central rib on the attachment side, and with 7 to 9 well-developed, sharp dentitions on one edge.

Radular ribbon delicate, similar to that of *labiatus*, 3 mm. in length, amber-brown and with about 34 rows. Formula in New Caledonia specimens: 2-1-2 (rarely 3-1-3); 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 6. Preserved animal whitish with orange cobwebs and maculations on foot and body. Eye with one orange ring. Mantle edge with a line of tiny orange dots. Tentacles short and arising near the end of the eye peduncle. Verge 20 mm. in length in male shell 29 mm., long, slender, simple.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
12.0	5.5	7.0	(dwarf; Palau Ids.)
23.1	10.5	8.0	(small; Palau Ids.)
29.3	13.9	9.0	(average; Gilbert Ids.)
42.8	17.3	10.0	(large; New Caledonia)
48.5	19.5	10.0	(giant; New Caledonia)

#### Synonymy—

- 1795 *Strombus erythrinus* Chemnitz, Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 11, pp. 146-147, figs. 1874-1875 (Red Sea). Non-binomial.
- 1817 *Strombus erythrinus* "Chemnitz" Dillwyn, Descriptive Cat. Recent Shells, London, vol. 2, p. 673; 1818, Wood, Index Testac., p. 118; 1844, Duclos, Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 5, figs. 16-19 [*erythrinus*, errore typ.].
- 1842 *Strombus elegans* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 30, pl. 7, figs. 43, 48 (no locality).
- 1844 *Strombus radians* Duclos, in Chenu's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, Strombus, p. 5, pl. 4, figs. 15, 16 (les mers du Japon).
- 1850 *Strombus ruppelli* Reeve, Conch. Iconica, vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 8, figs. 13a, b (Red Sea).
- 1888 *Strombidea erythrinus* Dill., Jousseaucm, Mém. Soc. Zool. France pour 1888, vol. 1, p. 174, no. 26.
- 1900 *Canarium dentatum* L., var. *erythrynium* Chemnitz, B. Newton, Geol. Magazine, London, new series, decade 4, vol. 7, pp. 508-509.
- 1912 *Rostellaria rubicunda* Perry, Matthews and Iredale, Victorian Naturalist, vol. 29, p. 10. Non Perry, 1810.
- 1925 *Strombus (Canarium) plicatus* Lamarck, Oostingh, Mededeel. Landbouw. Wageningen, vol. 29, pt. 1, pp. 59-69 (in part).
- ?1932 *Strombus rugosus* Sow., Risbec, Bull. Soc. Zool. France, vol. 57, p. 359, figs. (egg mass).
- ?1946 *Strombus (Canarium) haemastoma* Sowerby, Abrard, Ann. de Paléontologie, Paris, vol. 32, p. 62, pl. 4, fig. 29 (Pliocene, Malakula, New Hebrides).
- 1953 *Strombus rugosus* Sowerby, Dietrich and Morris, Nautilus, vol. 67, no. 1, pl. 4, fig. 24 (Kwajalein). Non Sowerby.

*Types*—Dillwyn's *erythrinus* is based upon figures 1874 and 1875, vol. 11 of the Conchylien-Cabinet. The specimen is from the Red Sea which we designate as the type locality. Sowerby's types of *elegans* are in the British Museum in London. One small specimen with a lavender nucleus and smoother surface resembles our specimens from the Palaus. A large cotype, more rugose and less colorful, resembles our specimens from New Caledonia.

*Nomenclature*—This species has appeared in the literature most frequently as *elegans* Sowerby which, however, is ante-dated by Dillwyn's validation of the name *erythrinus* in 1817. Matthews and Iredale in 1912 suggested that *Rostellaria rubicunda* Perry 1810 (Arcana, London, vol. 1, pl. 2, Conchology, fig. 2 from Amboyna) was this species, but the extremely poor figure probably represents some sort of buccinid.

*Records* (see accompanying map, pl. 56)—ZANZIBAR: off Pwakuu Id., 11-18 fms., sand, coral and sponge (NSF, 1957). SOMALIA: Djibouti (ANSP). RED SEA: Port



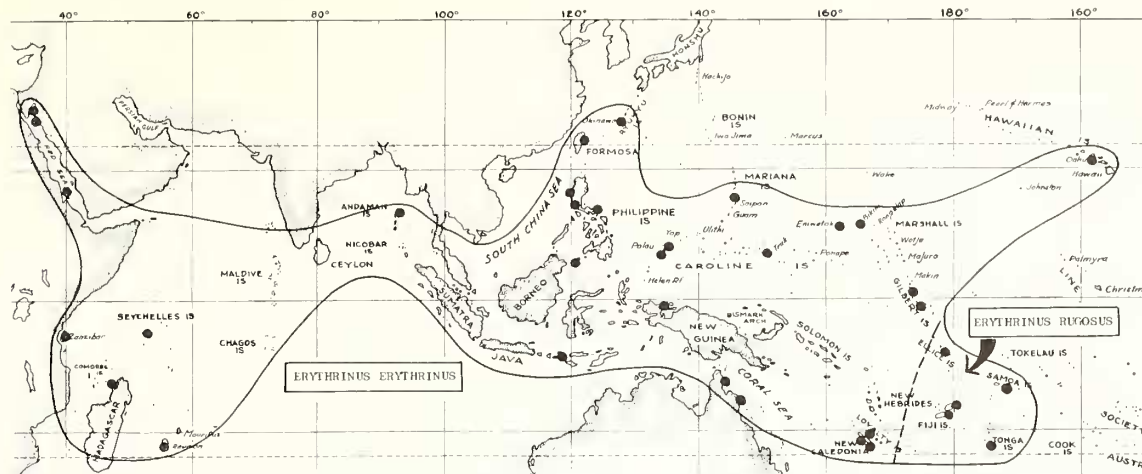


Plate 56. Geographical distribution of *Strombus erythrinus erythrinus* Dillwyn and its eastern subspecies, *rugosus* Sowerby.

Sudan (ANSP, MCZ). Aqaba, Israel (MCZ); Eilat, Gulf of Aqaba (A. Hadar, USNM). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-Fali near Nossi-bé (Oostingh, 1925, p. 67). MAURITIUS: Barkley Id. (ANSP). SEYCHELLES: (Oostingh, 1925, p. 67). ANDAMANS: Port Blair (W. N. Carpenter, USNM). RYUKYU ISLANDS: (Kuroda in MSS). TAIWAN: Kurun (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: off Tawi Tawi, 18 fms.; off Timakta Id., Sulu Arch., 10 fms. (both USNM). Sisiman Cove, Bataan, 8 fms., and off Corregidor Id.; Tabaco, Luzon Id., 6-10 fms.; (all du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP). Calapan, Mindoro Id. (Yale Peabody Mus.). INDONESIA: Rotti Id. (Schepman, 1909, Siboga, p. 151, no. 16). AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Hinchinbrook Id. (H. A. Pilsbry, ANSP); Green Id., near Cairns (MCZ). DUTCH NEW GUINEA: off Roemwakon, Aeri Ids., Ceelvink Bay, 20-25 fms. (NSF, 1956). NEW CALEDONIA: Noumea Harbor, 1-2 fms.; Magenta, near Noumea, 4 ft.; Plage de Poe, Bourail, 1 fm.; Baie de l'Orphelinat, near Noumea; Baie de Citron, 1 fm. (all C. and M. Kline, 1958, NSF). Charron Id. (ANSP). MARIANAS: Saipan Id. (USNM). PALAU ISLANDS: Kossol Passage, 15-20 fms.; Babelthuap Id.; Yoo Passage, Eil Malk (all NSF, 1955). CAROLINES: Mog Mog, Ulithi; lagoon, Ifaluk (both USNM). MARSHALLS: Bikini lagoon, 25-30 fms.; Eniwetok; Rongerik, outer reefs; Kwajelein; 2 mi. west of Rongelap Atoll, 20 fms. (all USNM). Ebon (MCZ). CILBERTS: Apaiang (A. Carrett, 1859, MCZ); Apamama (USNM). HAWAIIAN CHAIN: off Pokoi Bay, Oahu Id., 20 fms., coral and rubble bottom (C. M. Burgess, coll'n.).

*Fossil records*—EGYPT: Pleistocene: beach, 20 ft. alt., Charib Lighthouse; beach, 50 ft. alt., Gamsah (both R. B. Newton, 1900, p. 508). FRENCH SOMALIA: Pleistocene: d'Obock and d'Hacoulta (Abrard, 1942, vol. 18, p. 63, pl. 6, fig. 37). Abrard's (1946, p. 62) record of *haemastoma* Sowerby from the Pliocene of New Hebrides may be a small specimen of this species.

*Strombus erythrinus subspecies*  
*rugosus* Sowerby, 1825

(Pl. 20, figs. 11, 12)

*Range*—Known only from Fiji, the Ellice, Samoan and Tonga Islands.

Sowerby.

*Remarks and description*—We have seen specimens only from Fiji and "Polynesia." Hedley reported it to be abundant alive in the Funafuti lagoon in the Ellice Islands, and if Schmelz's identifications are correct, it occurs in Samoa and Tonga. This subspecies differs from the typical race in having a stouter shell, with a lower spire, in being proportionally broader, with an entirely white columella and aperture, in having its 4 or 5 shoulder knobs on the body whorl much larger and more pointed, and in having a fairly well-pronounced second spiral row of beads around the middle of the last whorl. The outer lip is more squarely shouldered at the top. Color of shell whitish to mottled in brown, rarely banded. The spiral threads on the outer shell are well-developed. Columella usually smooth at the center.

The locality of "Korea" given by Adams and Reeve in 1848 is probably erroneous.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
23.5	12.5	9	(small; Polynesia)
30.5	15.0	9	(average; Fiji)
43.0	20.1	7+	(large; Fiji)

*Synonymy*—

- 1825 *Strombus rugosus* Sowerby, Catalogue Shells Tankerville, London, appendix, p. 20, no. 1791 (East Indies); 1842, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, p. 30, pl. 7, figs. 58, 60.  
1828 *Strombus jugosus* Wood, Index Testaceol., Suppl., London, p. 13, pl. 4, fig. 4 (Indian Ocean).  
1848 *Strombus corrugatus* A. Adams and Reeve, Zoology Voyage H.M.S. *Samarang*, London, Mollusca, p. 35, pl. 10, fig. 19 (Korea).  
1899 *Strombus dentatus*, var. *rugosus* Sowerby, Hedley, Mem. Australian Mus., vol. 3, pt. 7, p. 428.

*Habitat*—Unknown, except that Hedley reports it from the lagoon at Funafuti.

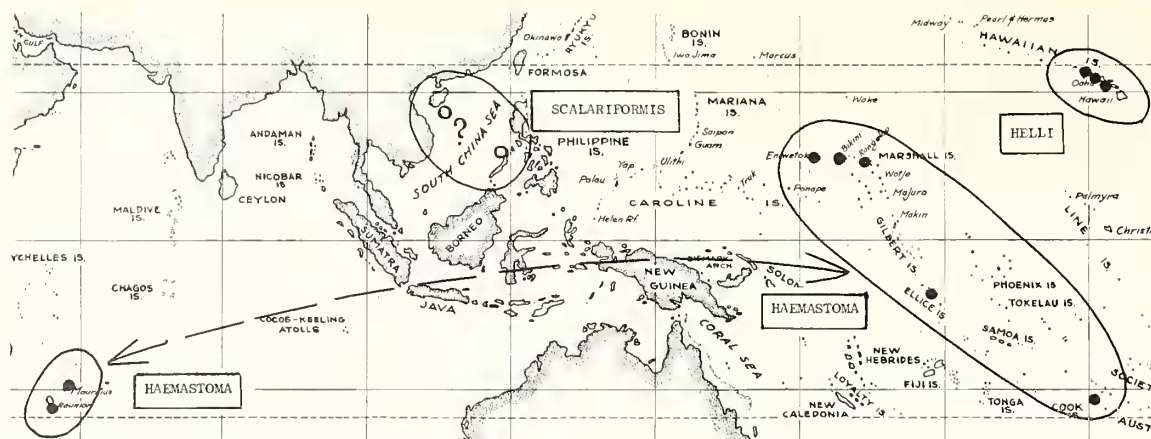


Plate 57. Geographical distribution of *Strombus haemastoma* Sowerby and *Strombus helli* Kiencr. *Strombus scalariformis* Duclos is known only from two literature records.

*Types*—The type of *rugosus* may be in the British Museum of Natural History in London, or sold at auction before reaching there. The locality of "East Indies" is probably erroneous.

*Records* (see map, pl. 56)—ELLICE ISLANDS: Funafuti (Hedley, 1899, p. 428). FIJI ISLANDS: (A. Garrett, MCZ, ANSP); Yasawa Islands, off Viti Levu (Major Raven-Hart, USNM). SAMOA and TONGA: (Schmeltz, 1874, Mus Goddellroy, cat. 5, p. 142). [Philippine records by Cuming are probably erroneous.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus haemastoma* Sowerby, 1842

(Pl. 20, figs. 6)

*Range*—Western Indian Ocean and Micronesia.

*Remarks*—This is a rather rare species, which may account for the very incomplete record of its distribution. There are six records from several purportedly reliable sources from the Indian Ocean in the collections of the ANSP, MCZ and USNM. The Marshall and Palau Island records are undisputed. *S. haemastoma* is very similar to *helli*, but differs in being more slender, in having its spire equal or greater than the length of the aperture, in having a columella which is less swollen, narrower, and with only 15 to 18 (instead of about 24) weaker spiral lirae, in having a brownish purple aperture (instead of violet), and (in Marshall Island specimens) in having a purplish apex. It is possible that *S. scalariformis* Duclos, 1833, is a malformed specimen of this species.

*Habitat*—Unknown. It has been collected dead on reefs and beaches.

*Description*—Shell 16 to 21 mm. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches) in length, solid, ovate-elongate, rugose, whitish with yellow maculations, and brownish to reddish violet around the aperture. Whorls 7 to 8. Nuclear whorls 3, smooth, glassy and translucent violet to

whitish. Postnuclear whorls with 8 to 11 fine spiral threads which later ride over the numerous, small axial riblets (about 20 to 25 per whorl). Spire with 12 to 14 small, axial, swollen, rounded, whitish former varices, the last 3 or 4 occurring in the penultimate whorl. Subsutural thread weak or absent. Spiral threads on last whorl strong and 24 to 26 in number. Shoulder of whorls slightly angular. Last third of body whorl bearing 4 or 5 prominent, axially pinched knobs at the shoulder below which is a second spiral row of 4 to 6 much smaller knobs. Parietal wall with 8 to 10 neat axial ribs. Varix behind outer lip strongly swollen and with spiral threads. Columella relatively narrow, thickened red-to pink-brown, slightly concave and with 14 to 16 small spiral, lighter-colored lirae which are weakest at the center of the columella. Depths of aperture smooth and white. Inside of outer lip and siphonal canal with 14 to 16 strong, short spiral lirae and a band of purplish brown which is strongest on the shallow stromboid notch. Posterior anal canal is a short V-shaped channel. Periostracum, operculum and soft parts unknown.

#### *Measurements* (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
21.0	11.0	8	(large; Wotho Atoll)
16.0	8.0	7	(small; Mauritius)

#### *Synonymy*—

1842 *Strombus haemastoma* Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conchyliorum*, London, vol. 1, *Strombus*, p. 31, no. 26, pl. 7, fig. 51 (no locality); 1850, Reeve, *Conch. Icon.*, vol. 6, *Strombus*, pl. 5, figs. 5a, b; 1844, Duclos, in *Chenu's Illustr. Conchyl.*, vol. 4, pl. 4, figs. 17, 18.

*Types*—The type is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History, London. Until examined and compared with better specimens from both the Indian and Pacific Oceans, it is best that a type locality not be designated.

*Records* (see map, pl. 57)—INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Mauritius (ANSP, purchased from Sowerby post 1850; USNM, ex N. Pike and Quadras Collection; MCZ from C.

Decort). Réunion (Deshayes, 1863, p. 114, no. 378). AUSTRALIA: Bird Island (Queensland?) (USNM). ELLICE ISLANDS: Ujae Atoll; Wotho Atoll; Namu Id., Bikini Atoll, 3 mi. west of Jieroru Id., Eniwetok Atoll (all dead, all USNM). COOK ISLANDS: Rarotonga, rare alive (A. Garrett, MCZ).

*Fossil records*—Abrard's (1946, p. 62) record from the Pliocene of New Hebrides is probably *erythrinus* Dillwyn and not this species.

### *Strombus scalariformis* Duclou, 1833

(Pl. 58, figs. 1, 2)

*Range*—"China Seas" and Philippines.

*Remarks*—To our knowledge, this shell has been collected three times, and, on the basis of its characters and the not uncommon occurrence of "scalariform" monstrosities in the family Strombidae, I am inclined to suspect that this species may be a form of *haemastoma*. I have not seen specimens, and only additional specimens would solve the mystery.

*Habitat*—Unknown.

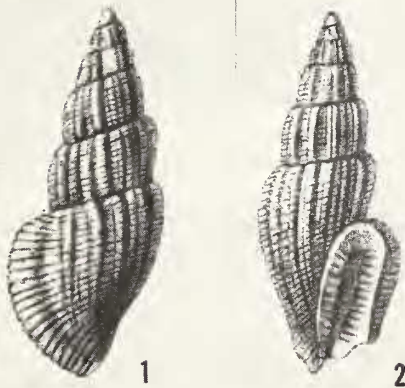


Plate 58. *Strombus scalariformis* Duclou. China Seas. Length 22 mm. (from Kiener, 1843, pl. 14, fig. 3).

*Description*—(from the literature). Shell 22 mm. in length, solid, somewhat spindle-shaped, rugose, with a high spire, channeled suture and reddish violet aperture. Whorls 7 to 8. Nuclear whorls unknown. Spire tinged with violet. Possibly 8 to 12 whitish, swollen former varices on the spire. Suture well-indented and channeled. Shoulder of apical whorls angular. Spiral threads on body whorl about 24. Axial ribs prominent, possibly 14 on the last whorl. Color of shell yellowish. Columella narrow, raised, bearing fine spiral lirae and reddish violet. Inside of outer lip with stronger, fewer lirae. Stromboid notch well developed. Soft parts unknown.

#### *Synonymy*—

1833 *Strombus scalariformis* Duclou, Magasin de Zoologie, Paris, vol. 3, class 5, pl. 28 (les mers de la Chine);

1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 14, fig. 3; 1844, Duclou, in Chemu's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, p. 2, pl. 4, figs. 9, 10.

*Types*—The holotype was in Duclou's collection and is probably in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. Type locality "seas of China."

*Records*—PHILIPPINES: Cebu Id.; Samar Id. (Elera, 1896, p. 253) [unconfirmed]. The collections at the Santo Thomas University in Manila were destroyed in 1945.

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus helli* Kiener, 1843

(Pl. 20, figs. 7, 8)

*Range*—Limited to the Hawaiian Chain.

*Remarks*—This is one of the most attractive and distinctive *Strombus* of the Indo-Pacific. It is rare in most collections but is evidently not uncommon from 10 to 30 fathoms off the Hawaiian Islands. It is the only endemic full species in Hawaii, but is closely related to the rare *S. haemastoma* Sowerby from elsewhere in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. *S. helli* has been present in Hawaii since the Pleistocene. It is characterized by its small size (one inch or less), rotund shape, axially plicate and cancellate sculpture, its swollen, strongly lirated columella and its bright lavender or violet aperture. Adults are quite variable in size.

Specimens in the Museum of Comparative Zoology from Rarotonga labelled "*helli*" by Andrew Garrett are *haemastoma*.

*Habitat*—This species has been dredged alive on coral sand and coral rubble bottom from 6 to 66 fathoms, and in dead condition as deep as 240 fathoms.

*Description*—Shell 13.5 to 27.0 mm. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch) in length, solid, rotund, ovate, cancellate and with a rugose, violet or lavender aperture. Whorls 9 to 10. Nuclear whorls 4, bulimoid, rounded, glossy, translucent white. First postnuclear whorl weakly malleated, the remainder bearing small, crowded axial riblets (about 25 to 30 per whorl) between which is a series of weak spiral threads. These become small cords in later whorls and number 25 to 30 on the last whorl. The axial riblets persist over the length of the parietal wall, and on the shoulder of the last third of the body whorl they form 4 or 5 moderately large, axially pinched knobs. The apex bears about 15 smoothish, white, small, swollen former varices, some of which are lined up one under the other. Suture minutely indented and bounded below by a strong, weakly beaded cord. Color of apical whorls tan with a broad spiral band of suffused brownish purple. Outer shell variable in color; usually whitish with heavy mottlings of

various shades of brown; rarely yellow-spotted. Rarely with an indistinct white band below the periphery. The outer portion of the outer lip may show violet streaks. Columella well-calloused, compressed, lavender, and bearing about two dozen, lighter-colored, slightly wavy, raised, rather strong, rarely bifurcating, spiral lirae. The upper 5 or 6 lirae extend into the aperture over a flattened to concave shelf. Posterior anal canal a narrow, vertical slit. Outer lip thin but strong, serrated. Stromboid notch well formed and flanked above by a small and below by a large and flaring tongue-like flange or tooth. Inside of outer lip constricted and bearing about two dozen strong lirae which may be broken into numerous, raised, small beads and bars. Depths of aperture white. Inside of outer lip with violet and with a brown and white border. Periostracum thin, translucent tan, flaking off when dry. Operculum stromboid, with small serrations, and light yellow-brown. Animal whitish (preserved). In a shell 22 mm. long, the simple verge was 6 mm., the radula 3 mm. with 36 rows and a formula of 3-1-3; 1-3 (plus peg); 6; 7.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
27.0	16.3	9+	(large; off Oahu Id.)
21.5	12.0	11	(average; off Oahu Id.)
13.2	0.7	8	(small; off Oahu Id.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1843 *Strombus hcllii* "Rousseau" Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, Paris, vol. 4, *Strombus*, p. 59, pl. 13, fig. 2 (mer des Indes, les cotes de l'île Zanzibar).  
 1860 *Strombus cancellatus* Pease, Proc. Zool. Soc. London, for 1860, p. 398 (Sandwich Islands = Hawaiian Islands). Non Lamarck, 1816.

*Nomenclature—*To our knowledge Rousseau did not publish a description of this species, and the first author is Kiener.

*Types—*The holotype is presumably in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. The type locality of Zanzibar is probably erroneous. There is a probable cotype of *S. cancellatus* Pease in ANSP no. 247097.

*Records* (see map, pl. 57) (all Hawaiian Chain)—  
 FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS: Tern Id. (ANSP). NIIHAU ISLAND: (D. Thaanum, ANSP). MAUI: off Olowalu, 6-9 fms. (D. Thaanum, BPBM, USNM); off Mt. Lihau, 4-12 fms.; off Malu Bay, 4-12 fms. (both Albatross, USNM). MOLOKAI: off south coast, 43-66 fms. (Albatross Sta. 3850, USNM). OAHU: entrance to Honolulu Harbor, 6-8 fms. (D. B. Langford, BPBM); off Waikiki, 20-30 fms. (D. Thaanum, BPBM); off Waikiki, 25-50 fms. (D. B. Kulms, ANSP). WAIANAI Bay, 18 fms. (C. S. Weaver coll'n, Pele Exped.); Keehe Lagoon, 30 fms. (C. S. Weaver, ANSP). HAWAII: off Rani Id., 235-240 fms., dead, Albatross Sta. 3982 (USNM).

*Fossil records—*Probably Pleistocene, Kauain Stream, Lanai Id., Hawaiian Ids., 550 ft. altitude (USNM).

***Strombus dentatus* Linné, 1758**

(Pl. 14, fig. 23)

*Range—*East Africa to Polynesia.

*Remarks—*This is one of the most widely distributed and most attractive species in the Indo-Pacific, although it is never abundant and, in some areas, is considered uncommon or even rare. Its shell is highly glossed, axially plicate, rather heavy for its 1½ inch size, and characterized by its fore-shortened outer lip which bears 3 or 4 tooth-like, white spines at the base. The columella is thick and white; the inner wall of the last whorl purplish brown with fine, white lirae; and the apex is usually lavender. It is quite variable in color, size and ribbing, and we can see no evidence of geographical subspeciation.

*Habitat—*This is a shallow-water, coral sand-dwelling species found from the low tide mark to a depth of 20 fathoms. It is usually found near or on coral reefs, but not on the sandy-mud shores of large islands. It has been dredged dead down to 50 fathoms.

*Description—*Shell 26 to 56 mm. (1 to 2 inches) in length, very solid, glossy, axially plicate, maculated with browns and white and with 3 or 4 white tooth-like projections at the base of the outer lip. Whorls 8 to 10; nuclear whorls 3, translucent lavender (rarely purplish tan), glossy, smooth, well-rounded. First postnuclear whorl (and rarely the second) with 6 to 8 neatly incised, spiral lines. Remaining whorls without spiral lines, but with microscopic, crowded, axial scratches. The last 3 or 4 whorls bear 6 to 14, slanting, rounded, smooth, short axial folds or ribs on the upper third of each whorl. Each of the first 3 or 4 postnuclear whorls bear 3 whitish, rounded, small, but distinct, axial, former varices which may or may not be lined up one under the other. Color of outer shell cream with irregular cloudings, maculations and flecks of chestnut- or yellow-brown and white. Base of siphonal canal with a diffused splotch of bluish brown. Columella thick, glossy, smooth, except for 3 or 4 white lirae at the top and 3 or 4 brown lirae on the inner, lower end. Interior of aperture yellow or rose; inner wall of last whorl with a broad band of purple-brown over which are about 30 to 40 small, distinct, even, raised, white spiral lirae. Outer lip thickened, bearing below 3 or 4 distinct, tooth-like, white projections. Stromboid notch obscured by these projections. Base of shell with about a dozen very weak spiral threads. Periostracum very thin and usually worn off most of the shiny shell. Operculum strom-

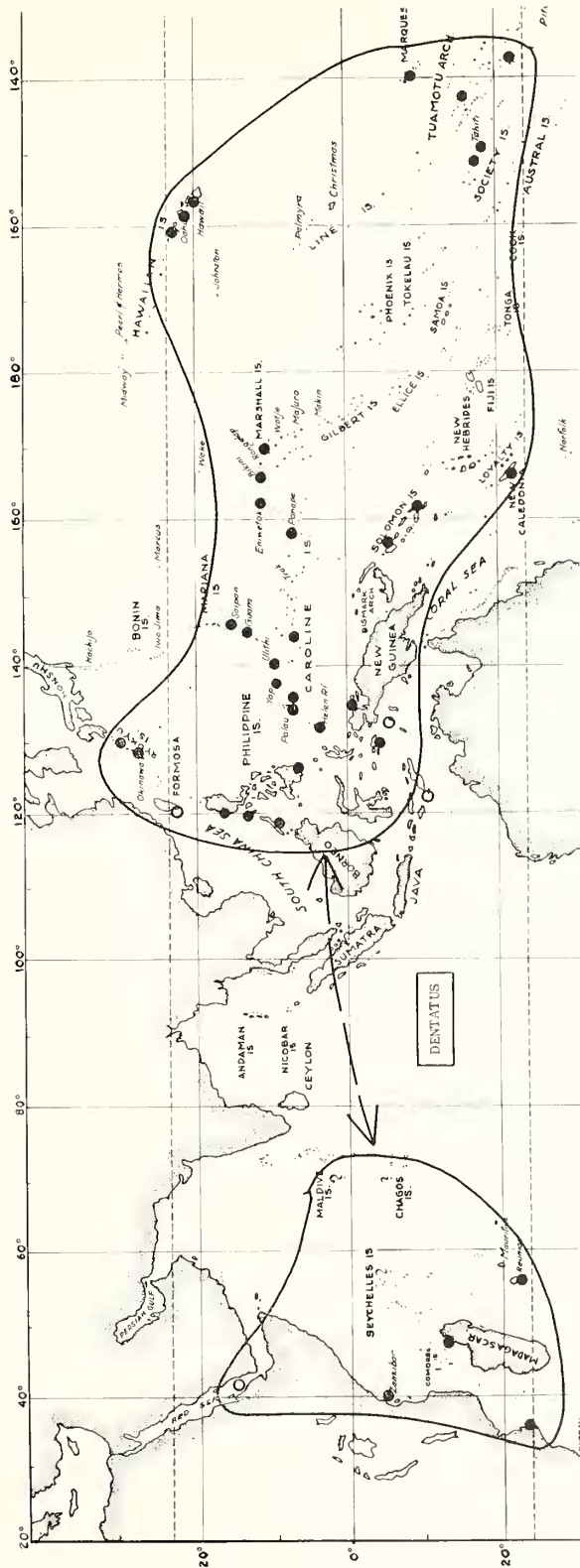


Plate 59. Geographical distribution of *Strombus dentatus* Linné.

boid, light-brown, not arehing, and with about 12 small serrations. Animal and verge similar to those of *urceus*. Radula ribbon amber and rose, 5 mm. in length, and with about 46 rows. Formula of Zanzibar specimen: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg); 6; 6. Posterior mantle filament long.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
56.5	23.1	10	(large; Palau Ids.)
43.3	17.5	10	(average; Okinawa Id.)
26.0	11.5	8	(small; Mindoro Id.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1758 *Strombus dentatus* Linné, Systema Naturae, ed. 10, p. 745, no. 0 (no locality); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1213, no. 513; 1956, Dodge, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 285-288.
- 1791 *Strombus tridentatus* Gmelin, Systema Naturae, ed. 13, p. 3519, no. 30 (mari indico). Refers to Lister, pl. 858, fig. 14; Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 810-814; 1843, Kiener, Coq. Viv., vol. 4, pl. 26, fig. 2.
- 1798 *Lambis dentata* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 62, no. 790. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1501-02.
- 1817 *Strombus samar* "Chemnitz" Dillwyn, Descript. Catalog Recent Shells, vol. 2, p. 674 (Amboina); 1823, Dillwyn, Index to Hist. Conchyl. Lister, ed. 3, p. 39. Refers to Lister, pl. 858, fig. 14.
- 1851 *Strombus samarensis* Reeve, Conch. Iconica, London, vol. 6, pl. 19, sp. and fig. 53a, b (Philippine Islands).

*Types*—According to Dodge, 1956, p. 288, there was no Linnaean type. Nor was a type locality given.

*Nomenclature*—We are following Hanley, 1855, p. 276, Issel and T.-Canefri, 1876, p. 352, Dodge (*loc. cit.*) and most subsequent authors in applying the name *dentatus* Linné to this species. Recent Japanese authors (Kira, Kuroda, etc.) have used *tridentatus* Gmelin for this species, and, erroneously we believe, applied the name *dentatus* to the plicate form of *labiatus* Röding. Literature records of *dentatus* Linné are too confused to be reliable, unless the shell was illustrated or mention was made in whose sense the name was employed.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 59; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—MOZAMBIQUE: Mozambique City (K. Grosch, ANSP). ZANZIBAR: Chumbe Id., 6 ft. (NSF, 1957). RED SEA: ?Baia di Amnesley (Issel and T.-Canefri, 1876, p. 353). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP). MAURITIUS: (MCZ). CEYLON: ? (Yale Peabody Mus.). JAPAN: Osumi Ids.; Kyushu (MCZ). RYUKYU IDS.: Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: Luzon Id.; Mindoro Id. (ANSP); Mindanao Id.; Balabac (both USNM). INDONESIA: Banda and Rotti Ids. (Schepman, 1909, p. 153); Amboina (MCZ). CAROLINES: Yap Id. (C. O. Kile, ANSP); Truk Id. (Mrs. R. T. Gallemore, ANSP); Ponape (MCZ); Ifaluk (USNM). MARIANAS: Laulau Bahia, Saipan Id. (R. Sutcliffe, ANSP). MARSHALL IDS.: Bikini; Eniwetok; Rongerik; Kwajalein; Wotho; Lae; Ujae (all USNM). HAWAII: off Waikiki, Oahu Id., 35-50 fms.; off Luniupoko Camp, Maui Id.; Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawaii Id. (all D. Thaanum, USNM); off Honolulu Harbor, Oahu Id. (D. Thaanum, ANSP). SOCIETY IDS.: Tahiti Id.; Puna-

auia and Atiue (R. Robertson, 1952, ANSP). TUAMOTU ID.: Tekatikati Id.; Raroia Atoll (USNM); Marutea (Lord Hood Id.) (Dautzenberg and Bouge, 1932, p. 295).

*Fossil records*—ZANZIBAR: L. R. Cox (1927, p. 86) reports and figures (pl. 18, fig. 5) this species from the Azanian limestone from the base of a well near Makunduchi of Pleistocene age. It occurs in probable Pleistocene deposits, 550 feet altitude, Kawaii Stream, Lanai Id., Hawaii (USNM). KENYA: Pleistocene: Mombasa Harbour (L. R. Cox, 1930, p. 138).

### *Strombus fragilis* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 14, figs. 30)

*Range*—Southwest Pacific: Ryukyus and Indonesia to Hawaii and Samoa.

*Remarks*—This species is not uncommon in the central Pacific, but moderately rare to the west. It is characterized by its rather thin, but strong, elongate, smooth shell, and by its smooth, chocolate to red-brown columella. The dorsum of the body whorl rarely has one or two weak axial folds at the shoulder. Under a very high magnification, the surface of the outer shell may appear "silky" due to microscopic spiral and axial scratches.

*Habitat*—It lives on a bottom of sand, broken coral, weed, and sponge from 2 to 25 fathoms both in lagoons and offshore ocean waters.

*Description*—Shell 24 to 49 mm. (1 to 2 inches) in length, oval-elongate, without ribs, smoothish, and moderately thin-shelled. Spire slightly concave and with smooth, well-rounded whorls. Whorls 9. Nuclear whorls 3, bulimoid, well-rounded, glossy, smooth and transparent tan. First half postnuclear whorl with 7 to 8 microscopic, spiral, incised lines, disappearing in later whorls. A small subsutural thread persists to the penultimate whorl. Surface of whorls in fresh specimens has a "silky" appearance due to microscopic axial and spiral scratches. Upper part of spire with 5 to 11 very small, rounded, whitish former varices. Color of shell whitish to cream with large, irregular patches of dark- to orange-brown. Spire rarely tinged with light-lavender or rose. Columella solid-brown, smooth, except for 4 or 5 very weak spiral lirae at the base and rarely at the very top. Aperture light-brown within, with a dark, axial brown band near the outer lip, and with numerous, crowded, low, irregular, fine, brown spiral lirae. Stromboid notch weak. Base of shell with about 20 fine, incised spiral lines. Periostracum moderately thick, translucent-brown and with a microscopically sculptured surface. Operculum stromboid, brown, broadly ovate at one end, sharply pointed at the other, not arching, with 7 well-developed dentitions, and with a well-developed central rib on the attachment side.

Radular ribbon 4 mm. in length, with 38 to 43 rows, brown-tinted or clear, and resembling the

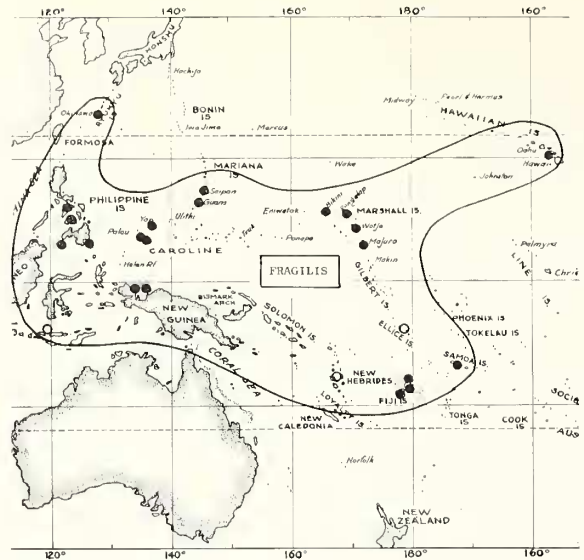


Plate 60. Geographical distribution of *Strombus fragilis* (Röding).

*urceus* and *labiatus* radulae. Formula from Guam and Palau Islands: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 5. Body, foot and verge cream with yellow maculations and spots. Proboscis tipped with brown in Palau specimen. Posterior mantle filament long or short. Verge long and slender, simple, 8 to 16 mm. in length.

#### *Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
49.0	21.6	9	(large; Fiji)
38.0	15.5	9	(average; Mindanao Id.)
24.5	10.0	7+	(small; Dutch New Guinea)

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1798 *Lambis fragilis* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 62 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, fig. 1503.
- 1817 *Strombus samar* "Chemnitz" Dillwyn, Descript. Catalog Recent Shells, London, vol. 2, p. 674 (in part by reference to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, fig. 1503). See under our *dentatus* synonymy.
- ?1823 *Strombus dubius* Swainson, Philosophical Magazine, vol. 61, no. 301, p. 377 (no locality). Non Sowerby 1842.
- 1842 *Strombus bulbulus* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conch., vol. 1, p. 32, pl. 9, figs. 81-83.
- 1946 *Strombus bullatus* Sowerby, Dodge, Amer. Mus. Novitates, N. Y., no. 1314, p. 5 (error for *bulbulus* Sowerby, 1842).
- 1946 *Strombus (Canarium) terebellatus* Sowerby, Abrard, Annales de Paleontologie, Paris, vol. 32, p. 64, pl. 4, fig. 32 (Malekula Id., New Hebrides, Pliocene).

*Types*—Röding's name is based upon the Martini and Chemnitz, vol. 10, fig. 1503. The latter is based upon a specimen from the "East Indies". We restrict the type locality to Zamboanga, Mindanao Id., Philippines. There are three cotypes of *bulbulus* Sowerby in the British Museum of Natural History,

London. ANSP no. 39851 from the Philippines was purchased from Sowerby about 1850 and may be a cotype. I do not know the whereabouts of the type of *dubius* Swainson (non Sowerby).

*Nomenclature*—This species until a few years ago was known as *bulbulus* Sowerby, but must be known by its earlier name, *fragilis* (Röding).

*Records* (see map, pl. 60)—RYUKYU IDS.: Okinawa Id. (uncommon, Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: Mindanao Id.: Zamboanga (ANSP), Samal Id., Davao Bay (MCZ); Basilan Id. (ANSP); Looc, Siburan, Negros Id. (USNM). INDONESIA: Pulo Kawassang, Patcmoster Ids., n. of Sumbawa Id. (Schepman, 1909, p. 152). NEW GUINEA: off Soweik Id., Soepiori Ids.; 25-30 fms., 1 mi. east of Dauwi Id., E. Padaido Ids.; 20-25 fms., 1 mi. N.E. of Roemwakon, Aoeri Id., Geelvink Bay (all NSF, 1956). FIJI: Bega Id. (T. Dranga, ANSP); Suva Pt., Viti Levu (H. S. Ladd, USNM). MARIANAS: Piti Bay, Guam Id. (A. B. Bronson, ANSP); Managaha Id., Saipan (USNM); Apra Harbor, Guam Id. (R. T. Abbott, USNM). PALAUS: Korak Id., Babelthuap; Gamudoko Id. (both NSF, 1955). CAROLINES: Yap Id. (USNM); Kwajalein Atoll (ANSP, USNM, Yale Peabody Mus., common); Ebon Id. (MCZ). ELLICE IDS.: Funafuti (Hedley, 1899, p. 429). SAMOA: Pago Pago, Tutuila Id. (USNM). HAWAIIAN CHAIN: Honaunau, Hawaii Id., dead (ex J. Q. Burch, ANSP).

*Fossil records*—Abrard, 1946, p. 64 reports two specimens (as *terebellatus* Sowerby) from the Pliocene from the banks of the Nua river, Malekula Id., central New Hebrides. Schepman (1907, p. 186) makes an unsubstantiated record of this (as *bulbulus* Sby.) in the post-Tertiary of the Celebes. A specimen closely resembling Recent *fragilis* was obtained by H. S. Ladd at Bikini Id., Bikini Atoll, Marshall Ids., drill hole 2A, 925-935.5 ft. (Pleistocene?) (USNM).

### *Strombus terebellatus* Sowerby, 1842

(Pl. 14, figs. 29; pl. 61, fig. 1)

*Range*—East coast of Africa (subspecies *afrobellatus*) to the Ryukyu Islands and to Fiji (subspecies *terebellatus*).

*Remarks*—This thin-shelled, smooth species is uncommon on the east coast of Africa, evidently rare or absent in the central Indian Ocean and East Indies, but not uncommon in the Western Pacific. It has not been recorded from the Marshalls, Hawaii or eastern Polynsia. Only further collecting will show whether or not this is a case of discontinuous distribution. The species is readily recognized by its smooth, slender, rather fragile shell, weak or absent columella callus and very shallow stromboid notch. It is likely to be confused with *fragilis*, but the latter is heavier, not as slender, with a darkly colored columella, and with fine spiral striae within the outer lip.

The species may be divided into two geographical races—the typical *terebellatus terebellatus* from the western Pacific whose last whorl descends considerably to produce a spire almost equal to half the entire length of the shell—and *terebellatus afrobellatus* from the east coast of Africa whose spire is only one third the length of the entire shell.

*Habitat*—Little is known of its habits. It probably lives in sand just off shore.

*Description*—(*terebellatus terebellatus*). Shell 28 to 49 mm. (1 to 2 inches) in length, rather fragile, elongate, shiny-smooth, and mottled with browns. Whorls 9, smooth and slightly rounded. Nuclear whorls 3, smooth, glossy and translucent tan. First postnuclear whorl with 5 to 9 microscopic incised lines. Succeeding whorls smooth. There may be one or two very weak former, axial varices on the third and fourth whorls. Spire high; almost one half the length of the entire shell. Color of shell whitish to cream with heavy or weak, irregular mottlings of dark- or light-brown. In most specimens there are fine, irregular spiral lines of brown inside the aperture on the body whorl. Apical whorls sometimes suffused with purplish brown. Columella white with brownish flecks. Base of shell with about a dozen weak spiral incised lines. Outer lip thin, with a weak smooth varix, and a very shallow stromboid notch. Lirae absent within the aperture. Operculum and soft parts unknown.

#### *Measurements* (mm.)—

total length	spire length	width	no. whorls
49.2	23.0	18.0	10
45.0	20.2	16.3	9
39.6	17.5	13.5	9
36.5	14.0	13.0	8



Plate 61. Fig. 1, *Strombus terebellatus terebellatus* Sowerby, Mindanao Id., Philippines. Fig. 2, subspecies *afrobellatus* Abbott, holotype from Pange Id., Zanzibar. Both  $\times 2$ .

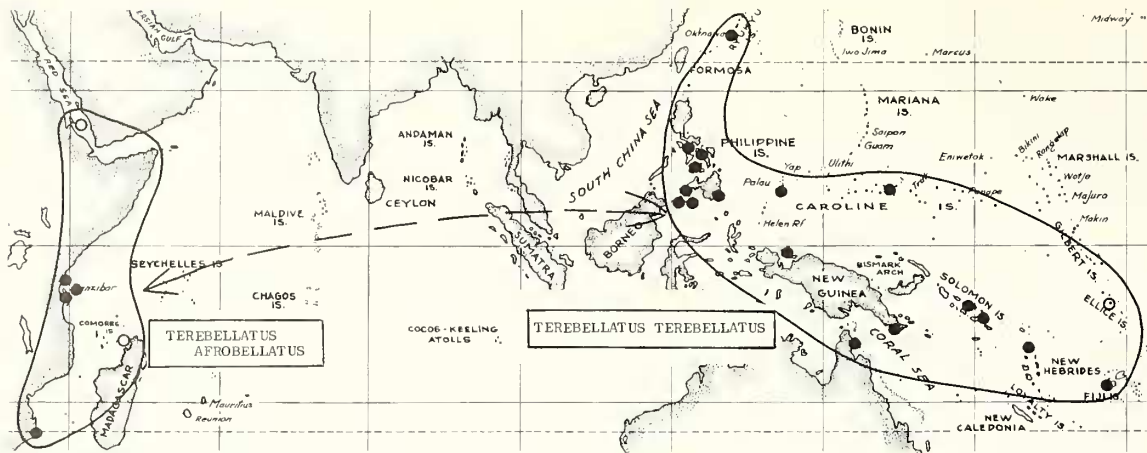


Plate 62. Geographical distribution of the Pacific Ocean *Strombus terebellatus terebellatus* Sowerby and its African

subspecies, *afrobellatus* Abbott.

### Synonymy—

1842 *Strombus terebellatus* Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conchyl.*, London, vol. 1, *Strombus*, p. 31, no. 30, pl. 9, figs. 84, 85 (no locality); 1843, Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, vol. 4, *Strombus*, p. 66, pl. 18, fig. 2, and errata p. 68 (mer des Indes). Also refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, fig. 810.

1843 *Strombus dentatus* Wood, Kiener, *loc. cit.*, pl. 18 explanation only. Non Linné 1758.

*Types*—Sowerby's cotypes are in the British Museum of Natural History, London. We restrict the type locality to Viti Levu Island, Fiji.

*Records* (see map, pl. 62) (for *terebellatus terebellatus*)—**RYUKYU ISLANDS:** Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott coll'n). **PHILIPPINES:** Basilan Id. (A. R. Cahn coll'n, ANSP); Lubang Id. (P. de Mesa, MCZ); Batangas, Luzon Id. (ANSP); Davao Bay, Mindanao Id. (MCZ, ANSP, USNM); Zamboanga, Mindanao Id. (ANSP); Mambajas, Camiguin Id. (M. C. Quisumbing, ANSP); Lalay, Marinduque Id.; Cebu Id.; Jolo and Siasi Ids., Sulu Archipelago (all USNM). **AUSTRALIA:** Green Id., Queensland (Tony Marsh, ANSP). **NEW GUINEA:** Milne Bay (USNM). **SOLOMONS:** Treasury Id. (USNM, ANSP). **NEW HEBRIDES:** Espiritu Santo (C. M. Dumbauld, USNM). **FIJI:** (A. Garrett, ANSP). **PALAU ISLANDS:** Urukthapel Id. (NSF). **CAROLINES:** Truk Id. (Mrs. R. T. Gallemore, ANSP). **ELLICE ISLANDS:** Funafuti, alive but uncommon (Hedley, 1899, p. 428).

*Fossil records*—R. Abrard's 1946, p. 64, pl. 4, fig. 2 record of this species from the New Hebrides' Neogene is erroneous (see under *S. fragilis*). Schepman (1907, p. 186) makes an unsubstantiated report of it in the post-Tertiary of the Celebes.

### *Strombus terebellatus* subspecies *afrobellatus*, new subspecies

(Pl. 61, fig. 2)

*Range*—Western part of the Indian Ocean.

*Remarks*—This subspecies differs from the typical western Pacific form in having a much shorter spire which is about one third the length of the entire shell and in lacking the weak, spiral lines of pale-brown within the aperture on the inside of the body whorl.

*Habitat*—It has been collected on an intertidal reef in sand on Pange Island, on the west side of Zanzibar, East Africa.

*Description*—Shell 29 to 39 mm. (1 to 1½ inches) in length, rather fragile, smooth, glossy and colored cream with a heavy suffusion of light to dark brown mottlings and flecks. Similar to the typical *terebellatus* (see above) but the apertural wall of the body whorl lacks the small, spiral brown color streaks, although the colors of the outer shell may show through. Columella slightly concave in the middle, slightly convex above. Stromboid notch very weak. Spire only one third the length of the entire shell. Periostracum very thin and smooth, and usually remaining only on the lower third of the shell.

Operculum stromboid, slightly arching, light-brown, with 5 well-developed, sharp serrations. Animal orange-yellow with white spots (preserved). Verge very long (18 mm.), narrow and simple. Radula ribbon 4 mm., delicate, and with a formula of 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 5.

### *Measurements* (mm.)—

total length	spire length	no. width	no. whorls	
30.0	8.0	11.0	9	(holotype, ANSP)
29.0	8.0	11.0	7+	(paratype, ANSP)
30.8	9.0	12.0	9	(paratype, Coryndon Mus.)
38.5	14.0	—	—	(paratype, USNM 604529)

*Types*—The holotype is in ANSP no. 214295. The type locality is Pange Id., west side of Zanzibar, East Africa. Collected by Ostheimer, Orr and Thorington, NSF station 601, in sand on intertidal reef, Jan. 20, 1957. Paratypes listed below.

*Records*—**MOZAMBIQUE:** Mozambique City (K. Grottsch, ANSP 211423). **TANGANYIKA:** Mboa Magi, south of Dar-es-Salaam (R. T. Abbott, USNM). **ZANZIBAR:** Pange Id. (NSF, ANSP.) **KENYA:** Diani Beach (H. Copley, Coryndon Mus. no. 1611). **RED SEA:** Jubal Id. (Issel and T.-Canefri, 1876, p. 354 [probably this subspecies]). [R. Abrard, 1946, p. 64, reports what is probably this subspecies as coming from Nossi-bé, Madagascar.]

*Fossil records*—None recorded.



### Subgenus *Dolomena* Iredale, 1931

Type: *Strombus plicatus pulchellus* Reeve, 1851

Living species of this subgenus are limited to the Indo-Pacific, although fossil representatives are numerous in the Pliocene and Miocene of southeast Asia, and one species occurs in the Miocene of the Caribbean (*Strombus bifrons* Sowerby, 1850; Wooding, 1928, p. 324, pl. 24, fig. 1, not pl. 23, figs. 3, 4). Members of the subgenus are absent in Hawaii and Polynesia.

The shells are usually small, with an expanded lip which has a slight posterior sinus, as well as a strong anterior stromboid notch. In many species the upper part of the lip forms a posterior canal which may be long, arching and attached to the spire. Most species have spiral lirae on the inner side of the outer lip, and some have a small amount of purple staining either on the columella or deep within the aperture. The penis has a "heel" or prong on the distal blade; the operculum is strongly serrated; the lateral radular tooth has a basal peg; and the inner marginal is usually much smaller than the outer marginal.

#### Synonymy—

1931 *Dolomena* Iredale, Records Australian Mus., vol. 18, no. 4, p. 212. Type by monotypy: *pulchella* Reeve [= *Strombus plicatus pulchellus* Reeve].

### *Strombus plicatus subspecies plicatus* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 18, fig. 12)

Range—Red Sea.

Remarks—The typical form is an uncommon species limited to the Red Sea, so far as we know. It is characterized by the full, rounded body whorl which bears 12 to 16 well-developed axial plications over most of its length, by a few of the spiral plications on the columella being light-brown in color, by the absence of any color within the aperture or outer lip, and by the relatively large (2 inches) size of the shell.

*S. plicatus* Röding appears to have four subspecies: 1) the nomenclatorially typical Red Sea subspecies. 2) the more common, widely distributed, Indian Ocean subspecies *columba* Lamarck. 3) the swollen, stunted subspecies (or possibly a form) *sibbaldi* Sowerby which ranges from the Gulf of Aden to Ceylon. 4) the small western Pacific subspecies *pulchellus* Reeve.

Habitat—Unknown, but presumably in fairly shallow water.

Description—Adult shell 50 to 62 mm. (2 to 2½ inches) in length, relatively thin, but strong, semi-glossy, axially plicate, and light-cream to brown-speckled in color. Spire elevated, rather acute, having an angle of about 50°. Whorls strongly shouldered, each bearing 17 to 20 small, but distinct, axial ribs between which are about a dozen microscopic, spiral threads. Suture minutely indented, minutely waved and with a low, broad spiral cord just below. Color of shell whitish to cream with indistinct, broad spiral bands of yellow-brown flecks. The center of the last whorl may have a broad white band. Last whorl with 12 to 15 long, smooth, rounded axial ribs which are swollen at the shoulder and which become obsolescent near the outer lip. Spiral sculpture of fine, irregular threads which become larger and rounded on the base of the shell. Aperture white within. Outer body wall with about 40 spiral lirae which extend out almost to the edge of the outer lip. Columella almost straight, white, with irregular spiral, brown-colored lirae. Base of columella with strong white lirae, and not extending much more than the lower part of the outer lip. Posterior siphonal canal short, deep, and extending up on to the next to the last whorl. Stromboid notch moderately developed. Periostracum thin, varnish-like, translucent. Operculum typical for the genus, ⅓ the length of the shell, light-brown, with about 10 saw-like teeth, and with a deep, narrow longitudinal trough on the outer surface. Animal and radula unknown.

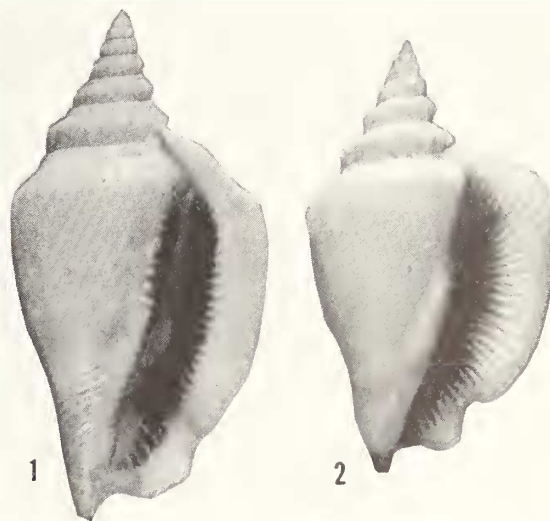


Plate 63. Fig. 1, *Strombus plicatus columba* Lamarck, Zanzibar, 2, *S. plicatus pulchellus* Reeve, Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Islands. Both  $\times 1.6$ .

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
64.0	34.5	11	(large; Gulf of Suez)
57.0	31.0	10	(average; Gulf of Suez)
52.0	28.0	7+	(small; Red Sea)

*Synonymy—*

- 1798 *Lambis plicata* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 65, no. 835 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, fig. 1496 (from the Red Sea). Not *Strombus plicatus* Lamarck, 1822.
- 1834 *Strombus deformis* "Gray" Griffith and Pidgeon, The Animal Kingdom—Cuvier, vol. 12, pl. 25 (facing p. 82), p. 600 (name and figure only); 1851, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 19, figs. 55, a, b; 1876, Issel and Canefri, Ann. Mus. Civico Storia Nat. Genova, vol. 8, p. 345.
- 1843 *Strombus siboldi* Sowerby, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, p. 56, pl. 12, fig. 2. (Not Sowerby, 1842.)
- 1908 *Strombus plicatus* Bolten, Hedley, Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales, vol. 33, pt. 3, p. 460.

*Types*—Röding's name is based upon figure 1496, vol. 10, of the Conchylien-Cabinet. Röding gave no type locality, so we designate the Red Sea from whence the Conchylien-Cabinet specimen came.

*Nomenclature*—The name *deformis* has been generally used for this species. Issel and Canefri (1876, p. 346) point out that this Red Sea species was first figured by Chemnitz, but they failed to use Röding's name. Records of *deformis* from Hong Kong and from Australia are evidently based upon misidentifications. Records of *plicatus* Röding from Australia probably were the subspecies *pulchellus* (see below). The *plicatus* Röding has nothing to do with *plicatus* Lamarck which was in general use a few years ago. Kiener (1843) evidently had *deformis* and *siboldi* interchanged.

*Records* (see map, pl. 65)—EGYPT: Zafaran, 50 mi. south of Suez (USNM). Geb Zebara (S. Vatakotis, ANSP). Jubal Island (Issel and Canefri, 1876, p. 345).

*Fossil records*—Abrard (1942, vol. 18, p. 63, pl. 6, fig. 36) records a very young "*deformis* Gray" from the Pleistocene of French Somalia. It may be the young of *Strombus erythrinus* Dillwyn.

***Strombus plicatus* subspecies  
*columba* Lamarck, 1822**

(Pl. 18, figs. 1, 2; pl. 63, fig. 1)

*Range*—Western half of the Indian Ocean.

*Remarks and Description*—This is a moderately common subspecies along the East African coast, rare in Madagascar, but according to Melvill (1909, p. 93) is "one of the most abundant Gastropods in the regions traversed by the "Sealark" [Amirantes

and Seychelles]. It has not been authentically reported from Mauritius. The shell is brightly colored and nearly always between 1 and 1½ inches in length. It differs from true *plicatus* in having a purple-brown blotch on the upper part of the columella and an elongate, irregularly-sized blotch on the inside of the outer lip, in having the siphonal canal extend beyond the lowest part of the outer lip, and in lacking axial plications on the ventral side of the body whorl. The subspecies *columba* is apt to be confused with the ¾- to 1-inch-long subspecies *pulchellus* from the western Pacific. However, in the latter there is always a tiny mauve blotch on the base of the columella (instead of pure white), the first 4 or 5 apical whorls lack spiral sculpturing, and the spiral lirae within the outer lip arc coarser and almost always run out to the very edge of the outer lip. The apertural color blotches in *columba* are usually dark purple-brown (or even lavender in some Seychelles specimens), while in *pulchellus* they are frequently more diffused and more orange-brown. It is possible that this species will also turn up in the eastern Indian Ocean. In a 42 mm. Zanzibar specimen: operculum stromboid, one fourth the length of the shell, blackish brown, not arching, with 7 to 8 well-developed serrations, and with a strong, median rib on the attachment side. Radula ribbon 3.5 mm., with 44 rows. The peg of the lateral is very small. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-4 (plus peg) or rarely 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 8. Body gray; tentacles and proboscis cream. Posterior mantle filament 3.5 mm. Verge 10 mm. in length, its distal blade with a well-developed "heel".

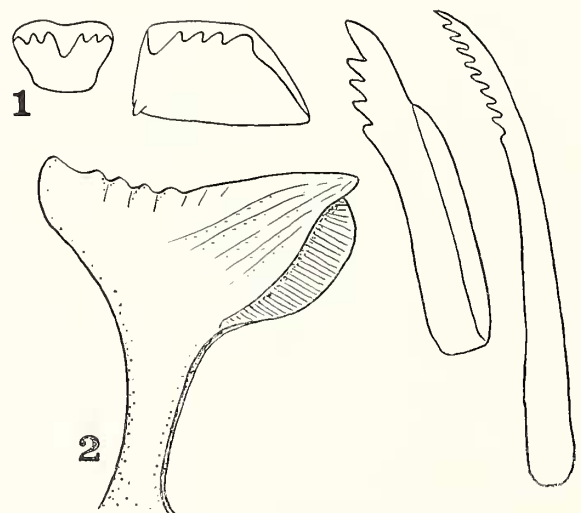


Plate 64. Fig. 1, radula of *Strombus plicatus columba* Lamarck, Zanzibar. 2, verge.

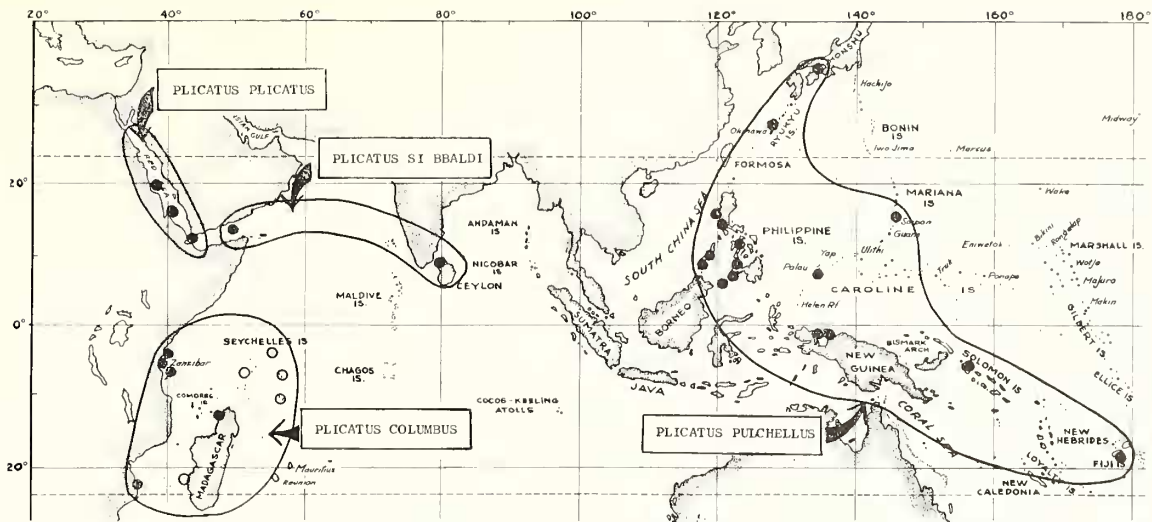


Plate 65. Geographical distribution of the subspecies of *Strombus plicatus*—*plicatus* (Röding), *columba* Lamarek, *sibbaldi* Sowerby and *pulchellus* Reeve.

**Habitat**—Occurs in colonies on ororal sand, grassy, broken shell and sponge bottom at a depth ranging from 3 to 44 fathoms. The “Scalark” (E. A. Smith, 1909, p. 93) obtained it on the Saya de Malha Banks at 123 fathoms, as well as at 21 to 44 fathoms.

**Measurements (mm.)—**

length	width	no. whorls	
47.0	24.0	10	(large; Zanzibar)
41.5	23.5	10	(average; Zanzibar)
33.0	19.0	9	(small; Zanzibar)

**Synonymy—**

- 1822 *Strombus columba* Lamarek, Anim. sans Vert., Paris, vol. 7, p. 208 (Indes?); 1844, Duclos, in Chenu, Illust. Conchyl., vol. 4, *Strombus*, pl. 12, figs. 7, 8.  
 1823 *Strombus tankervillei* Swainson, Philosophical Magazine and Journal, London, vol. 61, no. 301, p. 377 (no locality).

**Types**—Lamarck’s type is presumably in the Muséum d’Histoire naturelle de Genève. His type locality was “Indies?”, which we now restrict to Ras Mungwe, Zanzibar. The whereabouts of Swainson’s *tankervillei* is unknown, and he gave no type locality.

**Nomenclature**—The name *columba* is a Latin feminine substantive noun meaning “dove”, and should not be changed to *columbus* while in the genus *Strombus*.

**Records** (see map, pl. 65)—MOZAMBIQUE: Bazaruto Bay (MCZ). ZANZIBAR: 1 mi. and 1½ mi. W.S.W. of Ras Mungwe, 3-7 fms.; 2 mi. W. of Chango Id., 15 fms.; 2 mi. W. of Bawi Id., 15 fms.; 1 mi. N.N.E. of Pange Id., 7 fms.; 1 mi. S.W. of Nguruwe Id., 5-11 fms. (all NSF, 1957).

MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP); Ankify and Ambatoloaka (Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 467). INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Mahé, Seychelles (USNM); Amirantes, 32, 28, 33, 34 and 30 fms.; Saya de Malha Banks, 123 and 47 fms.; Cargados Carajios, 30-32, 30 and 16-30 fms. (all Melvill, 1909, p. 93). [SUMATRA: Tjalang (reported by Oostingh, 1929, no. 39, p. 2, but this may be *pulchellus*). This is also possible of Hedley’s 1908, p. 460, record from Darnley Island, Australia.]

**Fossil records**—The vaguely similar *Strombus deperditus* J. de C. Sowerby, 1839 from the Miocene of India was reported under the name of *columba* Lamarek by Vredenburg (1928, p. 317) from the Upper Miocene of the Gaj of West Pakistan. I doubt if *columba* existed in the Miocene.

***Strombus plicatus* subspecies  
*sibbaldi* Sowerby, 1842**

(Pl. 18, figs. 15, 16)

**Range**—Gulf of Aden to Ceylon.

**Remarks and Description**—This is a rare form of subspecies of *plicatus*. Much more material is needed to verify the suspicion that this is a malformation which sporadically appears in any colony. The shells resemble true *plicatus* in having a pure white interior to the aperture, but otherwise differ in having the last whorl more globose and less descending, thus giving the shell a stunted appearance and the spire a eoneave outline. The axial ribs are absent on the parietal portion of the last whorl, and in this respect resemble the subspecies *columba*. The spiral lirae on the columella are brownish purple in the three specimens we have seen, and not violet-purple as shown in Sowerby’s original illustration. American Museum of Natural History specimen no. 49426 from Ceylon is midway in character between *plicatus* and *sibbaldi*, but ANSP no. 39862 from Ceylon and purchased from Sowerby is of the typical *sibbaldi* shape.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
38.5	21.0	7+	(large; Ceylon, AMNH)
30.0	19.0	7+	(average; Ceylon, ANSP)

*Synonymy—*

- 1842 *Strombus sibbaldii* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., London, vol. 1, p. 28, pl. 6, figs. 10, 11 (Ceylon).  
 1876 *Strombus kieneri* Issel and T.-Canefri, Ann. Mus. Civico Storia Nat. Genova, vol. 8, p. 346. New name for *deformis* Kiener, 1843, pl. 32, fig. 2, non Gray [Griffith and Pidgeon, 1834].  
 1891 *Strombus yerburyi* E. A. Smith, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1891, p. 419, pl. 33, fig. 5 (Aden).  
 1843 *Strombus deformis* Gray, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 32, fig. 2. Non Gray [Griffith and Pidgeon, 1834]; 1844, Duclos, Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, pl. 23, figs. 5-8.

*Types*—The holotypes of *sibbaldi* and *yerburyi* are presumably in the British Museum in London. The type of *kieneri* would be the specimen which Kiener called *deformis* Gray and figured on his plate 32, fig. 2, and is presumably in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. The type locality for *sibbaldi* is "Ceylon".

*Records* (see map, pl. 65)—CEYLON: (ex Sowerby, ANSP; AMNH); off south coast, 34 fms. (E. A. Smith, 1904, p. 469). ARABIA: Aden (E. A. Smith, 1891, p. 418). INDIA: off Coromandel coast, 41 fms. (E. A. Smith, 1904, p. 469). I have not verified the record for Warrior Id., Torres Straits, Australia, 5.5 fms. (Melville and Standen, 1899, p. 165).

***Strombus plicatus subspecies  
pulchellus* Reeve, 1851**

(Pl. 18, figs. 3; pl. 63, fig. 2)

*Range*—Southern Japan to Micronesia and Melanesia. Also Pliocene of New Hebrides.

*Remarks and Description*—This small and attractive Western Pacific subspecies is distinguished from typical *plicatus* and the Indian Ocean subspecies, *columba*, by its smaller size (usually 1 inch), absence of spiral sculpture on the first five whorls, smoothness of the central part of the columella, diffused brownish orange coloring inside the aperture, and by the coarser, spiral lirae which usually fan out to the very edge of the outer lip. The spiral cord just below the suture is minute but very distinct. The base of the siphonal canal is tipped with a spot of black-brown. Rarely, the columella may be all brown.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
38.5	19.0	10	(large; Okinawa Id.)
29.0	15.5	9	(average; Luzon Id.)
22.0	11.5	9	(small; Dutch New Guinea)

*Habitat*—Dredged on coral-sand, sponge and weed bottom in depths from 8 to 50 fathoms.

*Synonymy—*

- 1851 *Strombus pulchellus* Reeve, Conchologica Iconica, vol. 6, Strombus, sp. and fig. 52 (Island of Ticao, Philippines).  
 1946 *Strombus (Gallinula) malekulensis* Abrard, Ann. Paléontol., Paris, vol. 32, p. 59, pl. 4, figs. 24-25 (Pliocene, Malekula, Nua River, New Hebrides).  
 ?1946 *Strombus (Gallinula) minimus* Linné, var. *minor* Abrard, *loc. cit.*, p. 60, pl. 4, fig. 26 (Pliocene, Malekula, Nua River, New Hebrides).

*Types*—The holotype of *pulchellus* is presumably in the British Museum in London. The type locality is Ticao Island, Philippines.

*Records* (see map, pl. 65)—JAPAN: off Isshiki, Aichi Pref., Honshu Id., 50 fms. (T. Habe, ANSP). RYUKYU ISLANDS: between Naha and Itoman, Okinawa Id., 40-50 fms. (Langford and Thaanum, ANSP); Motobu, Okinawa Id. (A. A. Scott coll'n). TAIWAN: Taihoku-syu and Takao (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: east end of Corregidor Id., 6-10 fms.; south side of Corregidor Id., 11 fms.; cove west of Cochin Point, 9 fms.; and east end of Sisiman Bay, all Luzon Id. (all Dupont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP); Puerto Princessa, Palawan Id.; Cebu Id.; Sindagan Bay, Mindanao; 17 mi. northeast of Balabac Id., 44 fms., Albatross Station 5355; off Bantayan Id., 32 fms., Albatross Station 5192 (all USNM). Zamboanga, Mindanao Id. (MCZ). NEW GUINEA: 2 mi. north of Matas, Aocer Ids., 18-20 fms.; 1 mi. east of Dauwi, East Padaido Ids., 25-50 fms.; 1 mi. S.E. of Cape Dgarwawoffi, Japen Id. (all NSF, 1956). PALAU ISLANDS: Eil Malk (NSF, 1955). SOLOMONS: Rabaul, New Britain Id. (USNM). MARIANAS: Pagan Id. (USNM). FIJI: off Rukua, Mbenga Id., 3-12 fms. (Dranga and Thaanum, 1940).

*Fossil records*—Altena (1942, p. 55) reports a specimen from the Pliocene Upper Kalibeng layers of Java, Indonesia, but I have not seen this specimen. *Strombus palabuanensis* Martin, 1899 (Upper Miocene of Java) may be related to this group. Abrard (see above synonymy) reports the equivalent of *pulchellus* from the Nua River Pliocene of Malekula Id., New Hebrides.

***Strombus palabuanensis* Martin, 1899**

*Range*—Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—Probably allied to the Recent *S. plicatus pulchellus* Reeve. Upper Miocene according to van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 246.

*Synonymy—*

- 1899 *Strombus (s. str.) palabuanensis* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 185, pl. 30, fig. 430 (Kampong Tjiodeng, Palabuan, Java, Pliocene).

***Strombus deperditus* J. de C. Sowerby, 1839**

*Range*—Miocene of West Pakistan.

*Remarks*—Although probably related to *Strombus plicatus columba* Lamarck, I do not agree with Vredenburg (1928, p. 317) that *deperditus* is a synonym of *columba*.

*Synonymy*—

- 1839 *Strombus deperditus* J. de C. Sowerby, Trans. Geol. Soc. London, 2nd series, vol. 5, pl. 26, fig. 19 (Soomrow, Tertiary, India); 1854, Sowerby, d'Archiac and Haime, Deser. an. foss. gr. numm. Inde, p. 316, pl. 30, fig. 19.
- 1839 *Strombus nodosus* J. de C. Sowerby, *loc. cit.*, pl. 26, fig. 20 (Soomrow, Cutch India, Tertiary). Non Borson, 1820.
- 1893 *Strombus exnodosus* Sacco, Molluschi terreni Terziarii Piemonte e Lig., pt. 14, p. 5. New name for *nodosus* Sowerby, non Borson.
- 1904 *Strombus sowerbyi* Cossmann, Essai de Paléontologie Comparée, book 6, p. 7, footnote. New name for *nodosus* Sowerby, non Borson.

***Strombus dilatatus subspecies  
dilatatus Swainson, 1821***

(Pl. 14, figs. 24, 25; pl. 66, fig. 2)

*Range*—Singapore to the Solomon Islands; Philippines to Queensland, Australia.

*Remarks*—This uncommon species is characterized by its flaring, “tongue-like” outer lip, its smooth white columella and by the peculiar purple-brown patch of color within the somewhat constricted throat of the aperture. The spiral lirae within the apertural wall are white and usually bifurcating. The posterior siphonal canal varies in its position, rising directly up on to the spire in the typical form, but curving over far to the left in the form *orosminus* Duclou (fig. 24). Intergrades are not infrequent in Philippine specimens. Old specimens have an aluminum-like glaze on the columella and the thickened outer lip. The color pattern in some specimens is rather like that of dark *epidromis* and lightly pigmented *marginatus septimus*, to which this species is probably closely related.

*Habitat*—Dredged in few numbers at depths of 4 to 39 fathoms on sandy-mud bottoms. Rarely cast ashore. Not associated with coral atolls.

*Description*—Adult shell 33 to 58 mm. (1¼ to 2¼ inches) in length, moderately heavy, slightly dorso-ventrally compressed, and with a smoothly rounded, flaring, “tongue-shaped” outer lip. Spire elevated, acute and with an angle of about 45°. Whorls 10 to 11, the early ones well-rounded, the last 2 to 3 usually shouldered. Nuclear whorls 3, bulimoid, rapidly increasing in size, glassy-smooth and opaque white. Remaining apical whorls purplish or tan, and finely sculptured with numerous, spiral, incised lines and numerous (about 26 per whorl) axial riblets. Body whorl with 3 to 7 low, axially lengthened knobs at the shoulder. Apex with 6 to 12 swollen, whitish, irregularly-spaced former varices. Suture

finely indented, minutely waved and commonly bordered below by one or two small spiral threads. Color of outer shell whitish to tan with sparse to rarely heavy mottlings and speckles of dark-tan to yellowish brown. 4 weakly defined, white spiral bands are sometimes evident on the last whorl. Aperture somewhat constricted within, and bearing numerous, well-developed, sometimes bifurcating, spiral white rugae, and having within an elongate brownish purple patch. Outer lip broadly flaring and “tongue-like”, white and smooth along its inner border. Posterior siphonal canal long, narrow, and usually extending up on to 2 or 3 of the whorls of the spire. Occasionally, the posterior siphonal canal is curved over to form a hood-like ledge (form *oros-*

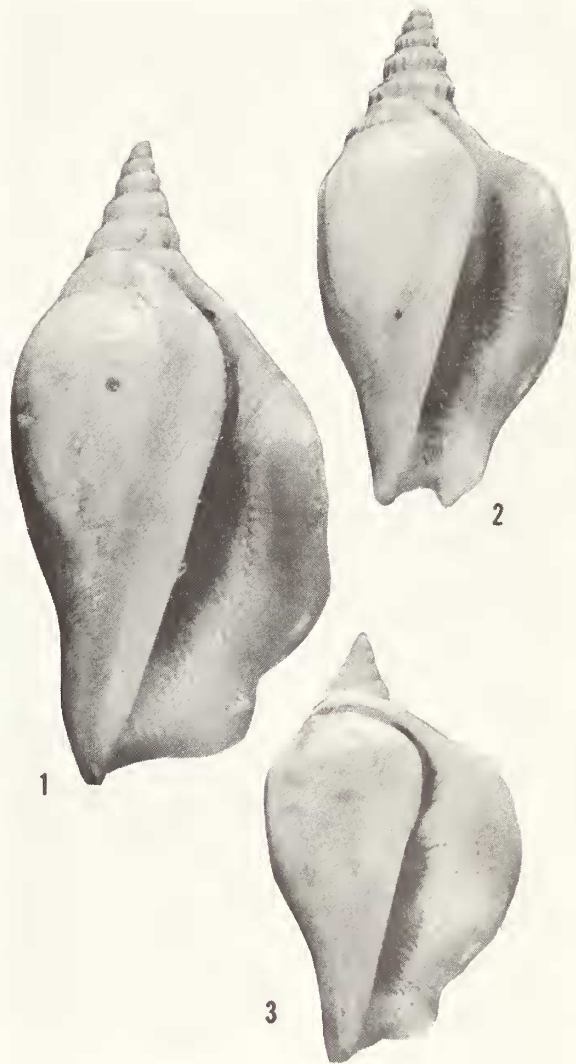


Plate 66. Fig. 1, *Strombus dilatatus swainsoni* Reeve, East Indies. 2, *S. dilatatus dilatatus* Swainson, Loyalty Islands. 3, *S. dilatatus dilatatus* form *orosminus* Duclou, Luzon Id., Philippines. All  $\times 1.5$ .

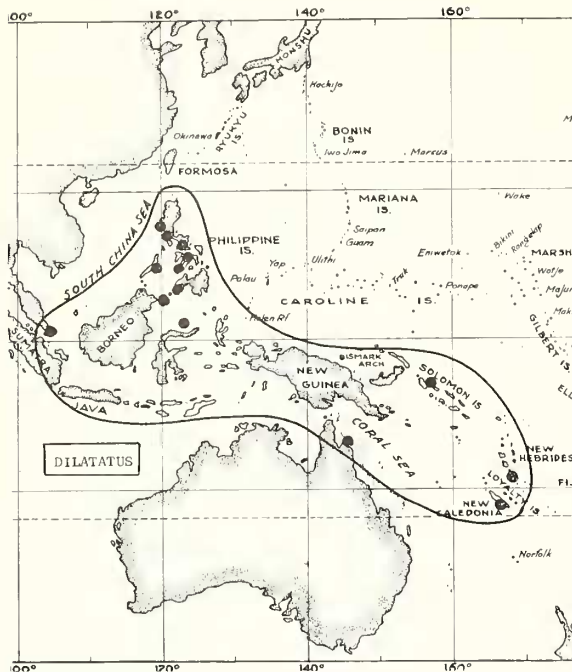


Plate 67. Geographical distribution of *Strombus dilatatus* Swainson.

*minus*). Columella white, smooth, glossy, and with a swollen callus which runs backward on to the whorls above to border the posterior siphonal canal. Base of columella with 5 to 7 very weak teeth facing the short anterior siphonal canal. Stromboid notch well-developed. Periostracum very thin, varnish-like, smooth and translucent tan. Operculum and radula unknown.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
53.0	31.5	9	(Cebu Id., form <i>orosminus</i> )
51.0	29.0	10	(large; Mindanao Id.)
48.5	29.0	10	(average; Mindanao Id.)
35.5	21.0	9	(small; form <i>orosminus</i> )

#### Synonymy—

- 1821 *Strombus dilatatus* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, series 1, vol. 2, pl. 71 (no locality). October. Non Lamarek, 1822.
- 1844 *Strombus orosminus* Duclos, Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 6, pl. 10, figs. 10, 11 (locality unknown).

*Types*—The whereabouts of Swainson's type of *dilatatus* is unknown. We hereby designate Upala Cay, Queensland, Australia, as the type locality. Duclos' type of *orosminus* is presumably in the Mus. d'Hist. Nat. de Genève.

*Records* (see map, pl. 67)—SINGAPORE: (R. D. Purchon, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: Luzon Id.: San Nicolas Shoals, 7 and 10 fms.; off Corregidor Id., 6-11 fms.; Sisiman Cove, Bataan, 8 fms.; Lusong, on beach (all ANSP). Cebu Id.: near Cebu City (A. B. Franco, ANSP). Mindanao Id.: near Zamboanga (ANSP). Palawan Id. (MCZ). Panay Id.: off N.E. end, Albatross Station 5181, 26 fms. Negros Id.:

off S.E. Bantayan Id., Albatross Sta. 5192, 32 fms. Sulu Archipelago: off Tataan Id., Albatross Sta. 5161, 16 fms. (all USNM). INDONESIA: off Taganar Id., Albatross Sta. 5358 (USNM). AUSTRALIA: Upala Cay, near Cairns, Queensland (G. Sax, ANSP); Low Isles, Queensland (Tony Marsh, ANSP). SOLOMON ISLANDS: Rabaul, New Britain Id. (USNM). NEW CALEDONIA: Noumea, 4-12 fms. (G. and M. Klinc, ANSP). LOYALTY ISLANDS: Mare Id. (MCZ).

*Fossil records*—Unknown.

### *Strombus dilatatus subspecies swainsoni* Reeve, 1850

(Pl. 14, figs. 18, 19; pl. 66, fig. 1)

*Range*—Unknown, but probably from Southeast Asia or the western part of Indonesia.

*Remarks and Description*—We have seen less than a dozen specimens of this distinctive form which we believe will prove to be a good subspecies. It differs from the typical race in having a larger and heavier shell which rarely bears former varices in the spire and whose body whorl is covered with numerous fine, spiral threads or incised lines. Adults vary in length from 54 to 64 mm. The lirae within the aperture are strong.

*Habitat*—Unknown, but probably in muddy areas at a depth of 10 fathoms.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
64.0	35.0	10	(large; ANSP 39845, fig. 19)
58.0	30.0	10	(average; MCZ, fig. 18)
53.0	25.0	10	(small; ANSP 39845)

#### Synonymy—

1850 *Strombus swainsoni* Reeve, Conchologia Iconica, London, vol. 6, *Strombus*, sp. and figs. 28a, b (no locality; Cuming, coll.).

*Types*—The type is presumably in the British Museum. There is no type locality, and until an authentic record is found one cannot be designated. ANSP 39845 (fig. 19) was purchased from Hugh Cuming about 1860, and may be from the type lot.

*Nomenclature*—Reeve in 1850 figured this subspecies, thinking that it was the true *dilatatus* Swainson, and, because he erroneously thought that Swainson's name was preoccupied by Lamarek's 1822 *dilatatus*, he intimated that he was proposing the new name *swainsoni*. However, Reeve misidentified Swainson's *dilatatus*, and the name should not have appeared in the synonymy under his valid description and figure of *swainsoni*.

*Records*—No accurate records exist. One specimen from the Mus. Comp. Zoöl. is labelled "East Indies".

*Fossil records*—Unknown.

*Strombus dilatatus subspecies  
taiwanicus* Nomura, 1935

*Range*—Fossil (Pliocene) of Taiwan (Formosa) and (?) Philippines.

*Remarks*—This subspecies closely resembles the recent subspecies *swainsoni* Reeve, and may well be its progenitor. It differs, however, in being narrower, in having a less flaring outer lip and in having fewer and more pronounced spiral incised lines on the body whorl. The tiny axial riblets are stronger and fewer in the early whorls. The length of specimens varies from 51.0 to 28.0 mm. Nomura records it from a number of localities in the Byoritu Beds of Taiwan: Hakusyaton; Wangwa; Rinsuikwa; Bosiho; Keiyukwa; Siko, etc. which he calls Pliocene in origin. The type locality is 1000 meters east of Hakusyaton, station 20, Taiwan. Holotype, Reg. no. 53163, Tohoku Imperial Univ., Sendai.

Diekerson's (1921, Philippine Journal of Science, vol. 18, p. 5; also vol. 20, p. 202, pl. 5, fig. 6) reports what may be this subspecies (as *swainsoni*) from the Miocene [Pliocene?] of Bondoe Peninsula, Tayabas Prov., Luzon Island, Philippines. MacNeil (1960, pl. 12, figs. 14-15, 22-23) records it from the Nakoshi sand, the Naha limestone and Gabusoga, all Tertiary of west Okinawa Id.

*Synonymy*—

- 1935 *Strombus taiwanicus* Nomura, Science Reports Tohoku Imperial Univ., Sendai, 2nd ser., vol. 18, no. 2, p. 177, pl. 8, figs. 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b (Byoritu Beds, Taiwan).
- 1960 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) cf. japonicus* Reeve, MacNeil, Tertiary and Quaternary Gastropods of Okinawa. U. S. Geol. Survey Prof. Paper 339, pl. 12, figs. 14, 15, 22, 23 (seen in MSS).

*Strombus dilatatus subspecies  
fennemai* Martin, 1899

*Range*—Pliocene of Java, Sumatra, and Timor, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—The figures of the types are almost identical with specimens of *Strombus plicatus columba* Lamarek from the Indian Ocean, and not like the subspecies *pulchellus* Reeve which now lives in southwest Pacific area. *S. fennemai* differs from *columba* in having a slightly more rotund body whorl, in lacking a well-developed, lirated upper third of the columella, and in having a poorer development of axial riblets in the spire.

*Synonymy*—

- 1899 *Strombus (s. str.) fennemai* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 181, pl. 29, figs. 418-420 (Sonde, Padasmalang, Java, Pliocene).
- 1942 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) fennemai* Martin, Altona, Leidsche Geolog. Mededeel., vol. 12, p. 50 (Semarang, Java; Kendeng Beds, East Java, Pliocene; Atjeh, Sumatra, Pliocene; Poetjangan layers, Bareng beds, Bodjonegoro, Java).

*Strombus rembangensis* Martin, 1899

*Range*—Lower Mioocene of Java and Borneo.

*Remarks*—This may be a malformed adult of one of the fossil subspecies of *dilatatus*. We have a similar appearing recent specimen from New Caledonia whose peculiar shape was caused by shell injury. Until more specimens are available, it would be difficult to assign *rembangensis* to its nearest relative.

*Synonymy*—

- 1899 *Strombus (s. str.) rembangensis* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 180, pl. 29, fig. 417 (Sedan in Rembang, Java).
- 1947 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) rembangensis* Martin, Beets, Geologie en Mijnbouw, 9th year, no. 3, p. 41 (Lower Mioocene, Pulu Balang, East Borneo).

*Strombus labiosus* Wood, 1828

(Pl. 18, figs. 17, 18)

*Range*—East Africa to the Ryukyus and the East Indies.

*Remarks*—This species is rarely collected, except in dredge hauls when it appears to be relatively common. It is readily recognized by its rotund body whorl, by its flaring outer lip which is usually turned upward at the top, by the minutely cancellate early whorls and by the white columella and outer lip. About half of the known specimens have a dozen or so brownish purple spiral lines deep

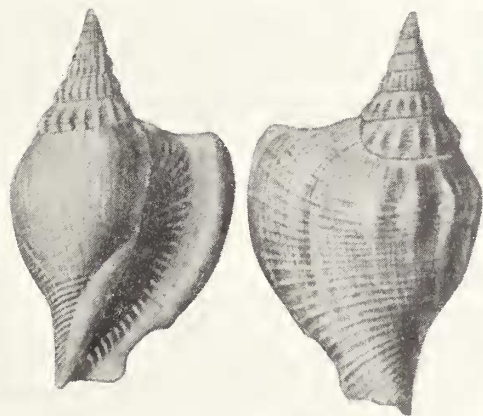


Plate 68. *Strombus fennemai* K. Martin. Pliocene of Ceram Island, Indonesia. (from P. J. Fischer, 1927, pl. 212, figs. 24a, b). Natural size.

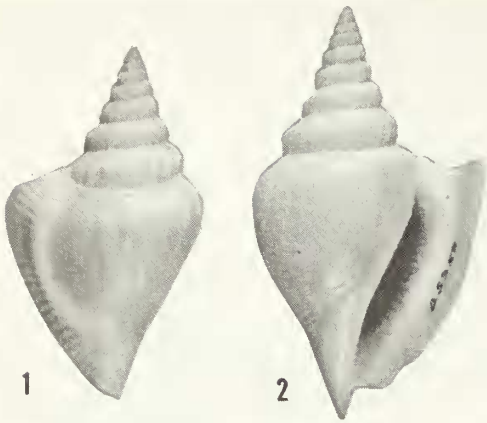


Plate 69. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus labiosus* Wood, off Taganak Id., Borneo. Both  $\times 1.5$ .

within the aperture, while others are colorless.

*Habitat*—Dredged in 6 to 44 fathoms on muddy or sand and broken shell bottom.

*Description*—Shell 25 to 51 mm. (1 to 2 inches) in length, solid, obese, with a flaring outer lip, and lead to brownish gray in color. Whorls 10 to 11. Nuclear whorls  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , small, elevated, rapidly increasing in size, transparent, glossy and smooth. First postnuclear whorl with about 10 microscopic spiral threads which in succeeding whorls cross about 2 dozen very small, rounded axial ribs, thus giving a microscopically cancellate appearance. In remaining whorls the axial ribs become increasingly larger and become knobbed at the periphery in the last whorl. Color of outer shell cream, tan, lead-gray or yellowish, sometimes splotched with a weak purplish brown and usually glistening. Columella and aperture enamel white. In some specimens there is

a patch of a dozen or so purple-brown spiral lines deep within the aperture. Spiral sculpture absent on the ventral surface of the body whorl, but consists of numerous coarse threads on the last third of the whorl. Periphery of last whorl with 4 to 7 small rounded knobs. Outer lip wing-like and turned upward at the posterior end. Siphonal notch broadly U-shaped. Posterior siphonal notch short. Interior of outer body wall with numerous, white, spiral lirae which do not run all the way to the edge of the outer lip. Columella slightly concave, callus-like, with numerous spiral, fine lirae which are weak or absent on the middle of the columella. Lower third with about 10 fine spiral teeth. Periostracum very thin, smoothish, translucent tan. Soft parts not available for study.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls
50.8	30.0	7+ (large; "Philippines")
34.5	21.0	11 (average; Taganak Id., Borneo)
25.5	15.0	9 (small; Taganak Id., Borneo)

*Synonymy*—

- 1828 *Strombus labiosus* Wood, Supplement to Index Testacologicus, London, p. 54, pl. 4, fig. 3 (name and figure only); 1842, Sowerby, Thes. Conchyl., vol. 1, Strombus, p. 27, pl. 6, figs. 15, 16 (no locality); 1843, Kiener, Coq. Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 22, fig. 2.
- 1851 *Strombus labiosus* Gray, Reeve, Conchologica Iconica, London, vol. 6, pl. 18, fig. 50 (Cagayan, Island of Mindanao, Philippines, 25 fms.).
- 1940 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) labiosus* Gray, Beets, Geologie en Mijnbouw, 21 Jaargang, no. 2, pp. 17-25, fig. 1 (bionomics of shell).
- 1947 *Canarium (Labiostrombus) labiosus* Wood, Wissema, Thesis, Leiden, p. 97 (fide Cox, 1948, p. 28, 70). Not seen by us.

*Types*—The holotype is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History in London. Wood gave

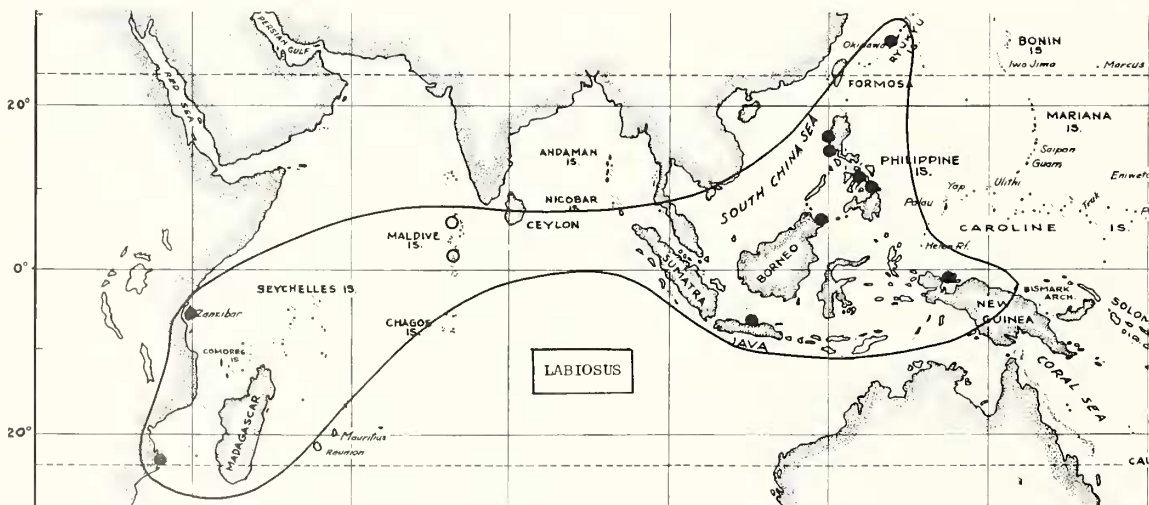


Plate 70. Geographical distribution of *Strombus labiosus* Wood. Open circles indicate literature records; solid dots,

specimens examined.



no type locality. We now select Bataan, Luzon Id., Philippines, as the type locality.

**Nomenclature**—A number of authors have erroneously attributed Gray as the author.

**Records** (see map, pl. 70)—MOZAMBIQUE: Port Amelia (USNM). ZANZIBAR: 2 mi. west of Chango Id., 15 fms. (NSF). MADAGASCAR: Tamatave (Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 470). INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Mulaku and South Nilandu Atolls, Maldive Islands (E. A. Smith, 1903, vol. 2, p. 612). RYUKYU ISLANDS: beach at Buckner Bay, Okinawa Id. (A. A. Scott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: Luzon Id.: east end of Corregidor Id., 6-10 fms.; west side of Cochinos Pt., Bataan, 9 fms. (both du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP); off Malavatuan Id., 18 fms., Albatross Station 5276. Cebu Id.: near Cebu City (USNM). Lcyte Id.: off Tacbuc Pt., 48 fms., Albatross Station 5477; west of Bucas Grande Id., 44 fms., Albatross Station 5235 (both USNM). INDONESIA: Keledjitan, Bantam, Java Id.; off Taganak Id., Borneo Id., 39 fms., Albatross Station 5358 (both USNM). DUTCH NEW GUINEA: 1 mi. S.E. of Cape Dgarwawoffi, Japen Id., 10-16 fms. (NSF, 1956).

**Fossil records**—Cox (1948, p. 29) quotes Wissema's 1947 thesis as recording typical *labiosus* as occurring in the Pliocene of Nias Island (west side of Sumatra), Indonesia. See also C. Beets, 1940, pp. 17-25). Tesch (Palaeontologie von Timor, 1920, pl. 129, fig. 164 a, b) figures this species (as *fennemai* K. Martin) from the Pliocene of Timor.

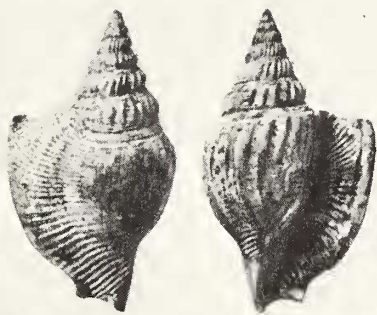


Plate 71. *Strombus labiosus* Wood. Holotype of var. *teschi* Cox from Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 8a, b). Natural size.

***Strombus labiosus subspecies  
teschi* Cox, 1948**

**Range**—Fossil (Pliocene), Java, Timor, Ceram, Philippines.

**Remarks**—Of the several characters mentioned by Cox as distinguishing this shell from the Recent *labiosus*, only one seems to hold true: there are no tubercles at the shoulder-angle on the dorsal side of the last whorl. The other characters, such as the 48 degree angle of spire, conspicuous striations on the inner side of the wing and of the inner lip, and the details of spiral ornamentation are all represented in living specimens. Wissema (1947, p. 97) notes that typical *labiosus* does exist in the Pliocene of Nias Island (west side of Sumatra), Indonesia. Type locality: 7 km. inland from Dent Haven, Dent Peninsula, Borneo (Pliocene).

**Synonymy**—

1948 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) labiosus* Wood var. *teschi* Cox, Schweizerische Palaeontologische Abhandl., vol. 66, p. 28, pl. 2, figs. 8a, b (Borneo, Pliocene).

***Strombus rutteni* Altena, 1942**

**Range**—Fossil (Pliocene) from Java, Indonesia.

**Remarks**—In spire and columella characters this species most closely resembles *Strombus labiosus* Wood but its body whorl is not as rotund, nor the wing of the outer lip as high. The subsutural cord persists to the end of the last whorl, but this feature may also occur in some living specimens of *labiosus*. Length of shell 43 mm., width 25 mm. Type locality: Padasmalang (Sheet 9313), Java: Upper Kalibeng layers, Pliocene. Paratypes from Doekoepongkol, Madioen, Java.

**Synonymy**—

1942 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) rutteni* Altena, Leidsche Geologische Mededeelingen, vol. 12, p. 53, figs. 15a, 15b (Pliocene, Java).

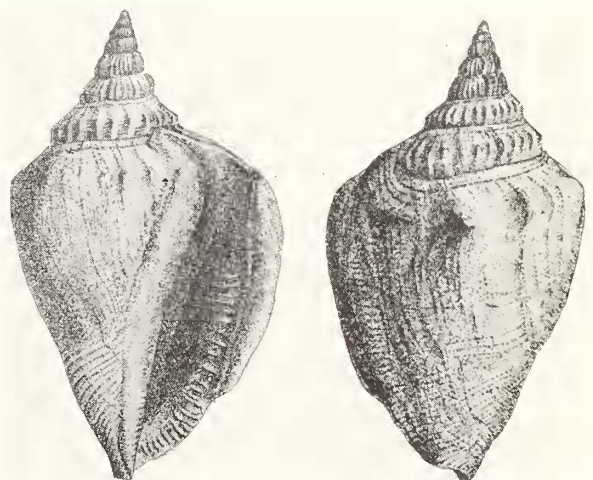


Plate 72. *Strombus rutteni* Altena. Holotype from the Pliocene of Java, Indonesia. (from Altena, 1942, p. 53, figs. 15a, b).  $\times 1.5$ .

***Strombus marginatus* Linné, 1758**

Until much more material is collected along the shores of Southeast Asia from India to Japan, this species will remain a puzzle with regards to the distribution of its forms and/or subspecies. True *marginatus* of Linné was the earliest name applied to this complex, but unfortunately is the peculiar form bearing a strong, sharp, smooth spiral keel on the shoulder of the last two whorls. This keeled form occurs in the coral-water areas of northern Ceylon, northwest Sumatra and central Burma. A subspecies, or possibly only an ecologic form, occurs in the non-coralline areas of the mainland of

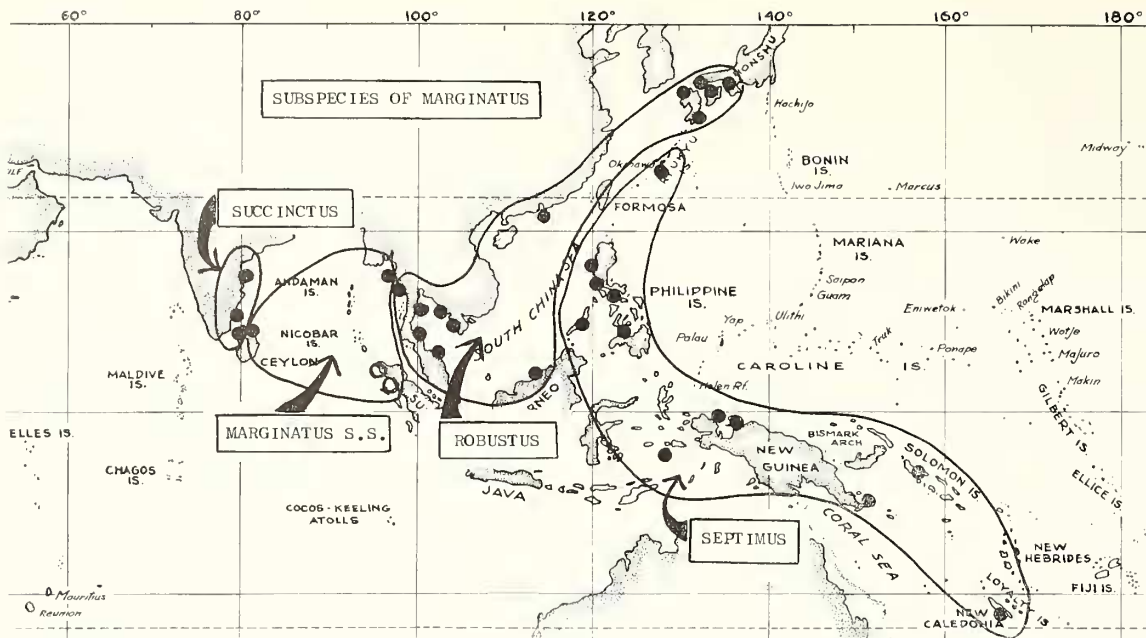


Plate 73. Geographical distribution of the races of *Strombus marginatus* Linné.

Ceylon. This is the elongate, glossy form, lacking a peripheral keel and having a single rather well-developed nodule on the dorsum near the shoulder. Linnæus named this *succinctus* in 1767. Ranging northward from the Gulf of Siam to at least Hong Kong, and reappearing in Japan proper, is the subspecies *robustus* Sowerby which is a heavier, more rotund shell with a tendency towards short plications or several nodules on the shoulder.

A third subspecies seems quite recognizable in the warm waters of the great Southwest Pacific Island arc running from the southern Ryukyus, the Philippines and New Guinea to New Caledonia. This is the small, somewhat laterally compressed, darkly-colored subspecies *septimus* Duclos.

We have kept the synonymies and treatment of these forms or subspecies separate, until more is understood of this species.

*Strombus marginatus* subspecies  
*marginatus* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 18, figs. 6, 7; pl. 74, fig. 1)

*Range*—Known only from the areas surrounding the Bay of Bengal.

*Remarks*—This shell is characterized by the sharp, narrow, spiral carina or keel on the shoulder of the last 2 or 3 whorls. In most specimens the keel disappears in the area behind the outer lip. The body

whorl may be smooth or entirely covered with numerous fine, but distinct spiral, incised lines. Intergrades exist in Burma between this form and the unkeeled *robustus*.

*Habitat*—Found below the low tide line in sandy silt and green algal bottoms not far from coral reefs. Von Martens (1887, p. 189) reports it on mud banks at low tide and at four fathoms in the Mergui Archipelago, off Burma.

*Description*—Adult shell 39 to 57 mm. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches) in length, solid, rotund, with its narrowing posterior canal arching up on to the spire, and with a strong, angular, sharp spiral keel on the shoulder of the last two whorls. Color of shell whitish with broad and narrow, broken, spiral bands of light- to dark-brown. Nuclear whorls 3, small, elevated, smooth and translucent-tan. Next 3 or 4 postnuclear whorls flat to slightly convex, with numerous, long, crowded, axial riblets (27 to 31 per whorl). In the last 2 or 3 whorls these riblets disappear or are reduced to tiny beads set on the shoulder keel just above the suture. In the last whorl the keel becomes smooth. Spiral sculpture in the spire of 8 to 15 fine threads. Spire with 0 to 8 small, swollen, whitish, former varices. Base of shell with about a dozen sharply incised lines which may also be present over the entire body whorl. Columella white, nearly straight, slightly swollen, and smooth, except for about a dozen weak, broken, wavy, raised liræ at the top and 4 to 10 tiny dentitions at the base. Outer lip thin, incurled, sinuous in side view, and arching up and over to the left on to the spire

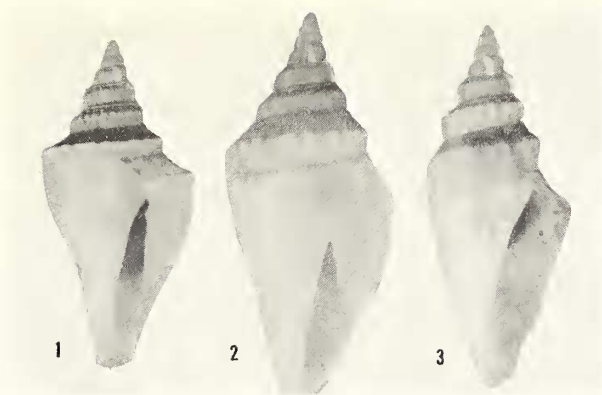


Plate 74. Immature shells of *Strombus*. Fig. 1, *S. marginatus marginatus* Linné, Ceylon. Fig. 2, *S. marginatus septimus* Duclos, Philippines. Fig. 3, *S. minimus* Linné, Philippines. All  $\times 2$ .

where it ends at the first (rarely the second) suture above. Stromboid notch very shallow, sometimes only an undulation. Inside of outer lip with about 3 dozen fine, irregular or broken, raised white lirae. Periostracum thin, smoothish and translucent yellowish. Operculum stromboid.

Radular ribbon 4 mm. in length, wine-red, with 35 rows of rather delicate teeth. Formula of a Ceylon specimen: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 6. Proboscis and eye peduncles brownish maroon with white spots. Sides of foot weakly suffused with brown. Tentacles rather short. Verge 20 mm., stout, with a broad, "heelcd" distal blade; its stem dusted with brownish orange and small white spots. Posterior mantle filament short (2 mm.).

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
57.0	29.9	10	(large; Northern Ceylon)
45.2	27.5	9	(average; Gulf of Manaar)
39.0	26.0	7+	(small; "East Indies")

*Synonymy—*

- 1758 *Strombus marginatus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 744, no. 430 (no locality); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1209, no. 499; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 262-264; 1842, Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conch.*, vol. 1, pl. 6, fig. 17; 1843, Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, vol. 4, pl. 16, fig. 2; 1851, Reeve, *Conch. Icon.*, vol. 6, *Strombus*, pl. 18, fig. 49.
- 1798 *Lambis carinata* Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 62, no. 779. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 10, figs. 1489, 1490 and vol. 3, fig. 816.

*Type*—It is agreed by most workers (see Dodge, 1956, pp. 262-264) that Linnaeus did not have a type specimen, nor could he locate a published figure. Knorr's pt. 3, pl. 13, fig. 4 could be either *marginatus* or *succinctus*. The earliest of the recognizable figures is what Schröter called *marginatus* Linné (*Einleit. Conchylien*, Linné, vol. 1, p. 431, pl. 2, fig. 10; 1783). Subsequent workers have agreed

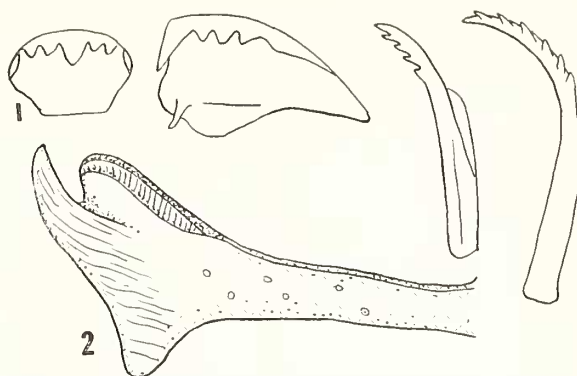


Plate 75. Fig. 1, radula of *Strombus marginatus marginatus* Linné, Ceylon. 2, verge.

that Linné's brief description does point to this species. No locality was given. The shell borrowed by Linné was probably from Ceylon, an island we now designate as the type locality.

*Records*—INDIA: Pamban, Gulf of Manaar (E. Thurston, 1895, p. 125). CEYLON: Pearl Bank, Gulf of Manaar (Kline, ANSP); north tip of Eluvativu Id. (Kline, ANSP). BURMA: Maungmagon, north of Tavoy (MCZ). SUMATRA: Oedjoeng Batee Kapal; Lam Baro, Atieh Head (Oostingh, 1929, no. 39, p. 2). [Philippine records are unconfirmed.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

*Strombus marginatus subspecies  
succinctus* Linné, 1767

(Pl. 18, figs. 13, 14)

*Range*—Ceylon to Madras, India.

*Remarks*—This is a distinct shell limited to the non-coralline waters of Ceylon and the southeast end of India. Insufficient material is at hand to decide for certain whether this represents a very localized subspecies or an ecologic form. The shell is more elongate and paler in color, and is characterized by a single, rounded, distinct knob on the dorsum of the body whorl at the shoulder. The pale brownish yellow body whorl has 4 or 5 narrow white bands which are delicately flecked with brown.

*Habitat*—Below low water mark in muddy sand in a sheltered bay (G. and M. Kline in Ceylon); dredge in muddy sand off Madras in several feet of water (Crichton, 1940, p. 203).

*Description*—Shell 40 to 53 mm. (1½ to 2 inches) in length, smoothish, moderately elongate, and weakly patterned with soft yellow-brown and white. Whorls 10 to 12. Nuclear whorls 2½, small, elevated, glossy, translucent-white. Apical whorls with numerous (about 30) axial riblets which are crossed by about a dozen microscopic, spiral

threads. The first 3 or 4 postnuclear whorls bear a total of 4 to 8 swollen, whitish, rounded, former varices. Suture minutely indented; in the early whorls it is bordered below by a distinct spiral, striated cord; in the third-to-last whorl the suture is commonly bordered above by small beads or nodules. Body whorl usually smooth, except for a few weak spiral threads at the top and about a dozen incised lines at the base. Ventral side of body whorl smooth and flattened; dorsal side, near the shoulder, with one small, but prominent, rounded, low nodule. Color of outer shell a light yellow-brown consisting of very fine reticulated and arrow-shaped lines. Body whorl bears 4 (occasionally a 5th at the base) spiral white bands which are sparsely overlaid with weak arrow-shaped brown lines. Aperture elongate, white and spirally striated within. Parietal callus white, slightly swollen and weakly wrinkled at the top. Outer lip sinuate, sharp, its edge curling inward slightly; posterior canal long, adhering to 2 or 3 whorls in the spire, and extending straight up. "Stromboid notch" weak. Periostracum thin, varnish-like and transparent. Operculum and soft parts not known.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
55.2	22.0	10	(large; "Indian Ocean")
47.1	20.8	10	(average; Nilaveli, Ceylon)
38.3	18.1	9	(small; Trincomalee, Ceylon)

*Synonymy—*

- 1767 *Strombus succinctus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 12, p. 1212, no. 509 (In India); 1855, Hanley, *Ipsa Linnaei Conchyliæ*, London, p. 274; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 278-280.
- 1767 *Strombus accinctus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, "13th ed." in Vienna (reform. Holmiensen), p. 1212; 1958, Iredale, *Proc. Royal Zool. Soc. New South Wales*, for 1956-57, p. 61; 1778, Born, *Index Rerum Nat. Mus. Caes. Vindob.*, pt. 1, p. 280.
- 1768 *Strombus succinctus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 12, vol. 3, "Errata". (for *uccinctus*).
- 1777 *Strombus succinctus* Linné, Martini, *Conchyl.-Cab.*, Nürnberg, vol. 3, p. 104, pl. 79, fig. 815 (but not 816); 1843, Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, vol. 4, *Strombus*, pl. 10, fig. 2 (excellent); 1842, Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conchyl.*, vol. 1, pl. 6, fig. 20.

*Types*—The type locality is "In India" which we further restrict to Madras, India. Hanley (1855, p. 274) states that the type is in the Linnaean collection and implies that it is figured in Sowerby (1842, vol. 1, pl. 6, fig. 20). None of Linné's figure references refer to this subspecies, all of them being *septimus* Duclos, except for Seba, pl. 62, fig. 20 which is *vittatus* Linné.

*Records* (see map, pl. 73)—INDIA: Madras (Crichton, 1940, p. 203). CEYLON: Kachcheri Bay, Trincomalee, Ceylon (G. and M. Kline, NSF); 12 miles north of Trincomalee (W. E. Old, Jr., ANSP); Ara Pt., Nilaveli (H. G. Deignan, USNM); Pearl banks, Gulf of Manaar (R. Jonk-las, ANSP).

*Strombus marginatus subspecies robustus* Sowerby, 1874

(Pl. 18, figs. 8, 9; pl. 76)

*Range*—South China Sea to southern half of Japan.

*Remarks*—This is a quite variable shell, not only within a single colony, but also in certain characters which show a geographical cline. It is perhaps best characterized by its rotund shape (not elongate as in *succinctus*, and not laterally compressed, as in *septimus*), and varying number (1 to 12) of short plications or elongate nodules on the shoulder of the last whorl. In almost every specimen the plication bordering the left side of the parietal wall is the largest and longest. The upper part of the aperture extends up over two sutures at least, sometimes straight up towards the apex, and rarely may arch over to the left. The apex may be pink, purplish or whitish. In Japan the species is abundant and the shell attaining its maximum size of 67 mm. It is also abundant in the Gulf of Siam where the length of the shell ranges from 26 to 50 mm. The MCZ contains two specimens from Sarawak, Borneo, which we refer to as the "rotund form." This shell (see pl. 76) is pyriform, smoothly

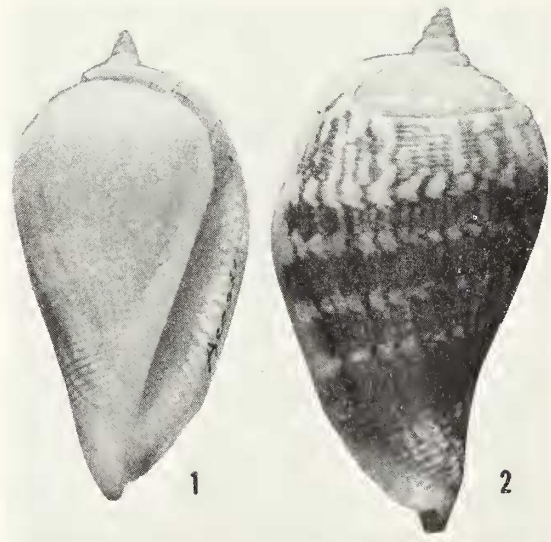


Plate 76. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus marginatus robustus* Sowerby, bulbous form from Sarawak, Borneo. Both  $\times 1.5$ .

rounded at the shoulder, with one weak plication bordering the left side of the parietal wall; finely and microscopically spirally striate and with its posterior canal arching far over to the left. This might prove someday to be a valid subspecies.

*Habitat*—On sandy to sandy mud bottoms from 1 to 25 fathoms near shore. In Kyushu Island, Japan, it is abundant.

*Description*—Shell 29 to 67 mm. (1 to 4½ inches) in length, rotund and broadly elongate. Color yellow-brown with irregular white marking. Similar to *marginatus succinctus* and *marginatus septimus*, but the body whorl is more rotund; the shell generally larger; commonly (although not always) with spiral threads over the entire last whorl; and with the long posterior siphonal canal arching up over 1 to 3 sutures. The left border of the ventral (parietal) side of the body whorl characteristically has a peculiar axial swelling. The shoulder on the dorsal side may have one small node and on the ventral side may rarely have a series of short, small axial plications. In some Japanese specimens the interior may be weakly flushed with light-violet. Periostracum thin, translucent yellowish and smoothish. Operculum and soft parts not available for study.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
67.1	37.2	8+	(large; Kyushu Id., Japan)
44.1	24.7	10	(average; Hong Kong)
29.0	16.0	9	(small; Koh Chang, Thailand)

*Synonymy—*

- 1874 *Strombus robustus* Sowerby, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1874, p. 599, pl. 72, figs. 5, 5a (Hong Kong).  
 1899 *Strombus septimus* Duclos, Crosse and Fiseher, Journ. de Conchyl., vol. 37, p. 287 (Annam). Not *septimus* Duclos.  
 1959 *Labiostrombus succinctus* Linné, Kira, Coloured Illustr. Shells of Japan, Osaka, 2nd ed., p. 36, pl. 15, fig. 14.

*Types*—Sowerby's holotype of *robustus* is in the British Museum of Natural History in London. The type locality is Hong Kong.

*Nomenclature*—Workers on the Japanese fauna have in the past considered *robustus* Sowerby a synonym of *succinctus* Linné. We consider the latter to be an Indian Ocean subspecies of *marginatus* Linné, and *robustus* an eastern Asian subspecies of *marginatus*.

*Records* (see map, pl. 73)—BURMA: Sandoway (MCZ). THAILAND: Koh Chang; Koh Samet; Khan Nu Paknam (all Gulf of Siam, USNM); Ban Ao Moo, Bang Ko Chai, Chantaburi Prov. (G. Moore, MCZ). HONG KONG: south of Lema Id., 25 fms. (A. J. Staple, ANSP). BORNEO: Sarawak (rotund form MCZ). JAPAN: Honshu Island: Sagami Bay, Kanagawa Pref. (A. R. Calm, ANSP); Kii,

Wakayama Pref. (MCZ). Shikoku Island: Tosa Bay, Kochi Pref. (ANSP). Kyushu Island: Moeshima, Kagoshima Bay (T. Habe, ANSP); Miyazaki Pref. (T. Kuroda, 1935, p. 47, no. 142).

*Fossil records*—Schepman (1907, p. 186) reports this subspecies from the post-Tertiary of the Celebes.

*Strombus marginatus subspecies septimus* Duclos, 1844

(Pl. 18, figs. 10, 11; pl. 74, fig. 2)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands southward through the Philippines, East Indies and New Guinea to New Caledonia.

*Remarks*—The shells of this subspecies are more brightly colored and with a more flaring lip, which gives the shell a slightly flattened or dorso-ventral compression. The color is generally dark-brown with 4 to 6 narrow, white spiral bands which bear numerous arrow-shaped spots of dark-brown. The upper end of the outer lip, or posterior canal, usually ascends only to the first suture above, and not up to the second or third suture, as in *robustus*. The dorsal hump, so prominent in *succinctus*, is reduced or absent in *septimus*.

*Habitat*—This subspecies has been collected on coral sand and rubble bottom in 4 to 16 fathoms of water. It is commonly washed ashore after storms. We have not found it on coral reefs nor in pure mud areas. Abundant in the Philippines and the Solomons, but rare in the Ryukyus and southern Indonesia.

*Description*—Shell 26 to 48 mm. (1¼ to 2 inches) in length, broadly elongate and colored with dark-chestnut to rich yellow-brown. Similar to *marginatus succinctus*, but is not as elongate; its lip is broader and more flaring; the posterior siphonal canal extends up to only the first suture; the shoulder of the body whorl lacks the single node but may have one to several very small nodules or beads. Color of shell dark-chestnut to light-brown with 5 to 7 narrower white spiral bands which are crossed by darker, more numerous, arrow-shaped bars of brown. Apex with 9 to 11 whitish former varices. Periostracum moderately thin, translucent-brown. Operculum stromboid, with 5 to 6 serrations. Verge maroon-brown with white dots and a "heel" on the distal blade. Radula 2 to 3 mm., with 37 to 42 rows of teeth. Formula variable: 2-1-2 (also 3-1-3); 1-3 (plus peg), also 1-5 (plus peg); 5 to 7; 6 to 9. Animal like *marginatus*.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
48.5	25.0	10 +	(large; Dutch New Guinea)
42.6	23.4	10	(average; Solomon Islands)
30.2	15.0	10	(small; Luzon Id.)

*Synonymy—*

1844 *Strombus septimus* Duclos, *Illustr. Conchyl.*, vol. 4, p. 7, pl. 13, figs. 9, 10, pl. 15, fig. 11, pl. 26, fig. 2 (locality unknown).

1885 *Strombus succinctus* var. *septimus* Duclos, Tryon, *Manual of Conchology*, vol. 7, p. 117.

*Types*—Duclos' type is presumed to be in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. No locality was given, and we hereby designate Lusong, Bataan Peninsula, Luzon Island, Philippines, as the type locality.

*Nomenclature*—Tryon (1885, p. 117) considered *septimus* as a variety of *succinctus*. Most other workers have considered it to be merely a form and synonym, but with a series of accurately localized material we consider it to be of subspecific rank. The pre-Linnaean figures are mostly of this subspecies: Rumphius, pl. 37, fig. x; Gualtieri pl. 33, fig. B; Seba, pl. 61, fig. 15 (but not 20).

*Records* (see map, pl. 73)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Buckner Bay, Okinawa Id., rare (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: Luzon Id.: Sisiman Cove; Lusong; Bataan; east end of Corregidor Id.; San Nicolas Shoals Light, Manila Bay (all du Pont-ANSP expedition, 1958). Masbate Id. (ANSP). Basilan Id.; Dupolog, Mindanao Id.; Puerto Princessa, Palawan Id. (USNM). INDONESIA: Amboina Id. (MCZ). NEW GUINEA: Oro Bay (ANSP); off Cape Dgarwawoffi, and off Samberbaba, both Japen Id. (NSF). SOLOMONS: Kieta, Bougainville Id. (W. J. Eyerdam, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: Bourail (Mme. Revercé, ANSP).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

**Fossil Relatives of *marginatus***

A number of Tertiary species have been described from the East Indies which are undoubtedly closely related to and the possible progenitors of either *septimus* and/or *robustus*. I have not had the opportunity to examine sufficient fossil material to hazard a scheme of relationships. One species from northeast Borneo (Pliocene) could probably be considered as rather closely resembling the subspecies, *septimus*, i.e. *togopiensis* Cox, 1948. These fossil species, subspecies or forms are:

***Strombus togopiensis* Cox, 1948**

*Range*—Pliocene of northeast Borneo, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—Probably closely related to *S. marginatus septimus* Duclos.

*Synonymy—*

1948 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) togopiensis* Cox, *Schweizerische Palaontologische Abhandl.*, vol. 66, p. 27, pl. 2, figs. 10a, b (Dent Peninsula, Borneo, Pliocene).



Plate 77. *Strombus togopiensis* Cox. Holotype from Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 10a, 10b). Natural size.

***Strombus sedanensis* Martin, 1899**

*Range*—Lower Miocene of Java, Indonesia, and Lower Miocene of West Pakistan.

*Remarks*—The characters of the spire and the carination of the shoulder in the area of the parietal wall suggest an affinity with the Recent *marginatus* group. However, the rather thick, rounded outer lip and the strong tubercles on the shoulder of the body whorl are particularly curious. I would be inclined to accept this as a full species. I. van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 247 calls the Rembang beds Lower Miocene.

*Synonymy—*

1899 *Strombus (s. str.) sedanensis* K. Martin, *Samml. geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 180, pl. 29, figs. 416, 416a (*Sedan* in Rembang, Java); 1928, Vredenburg, *Mem. Geol. Survey India*, Calcutta, vol. 50, pt. 1, p. 313 (*Gaj* beds, near Karachi).

***Strombus javanus* Martin, 1879**

*Range*—Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This species was based upon an incompletely preserved specimen, but from the characters of the outside of the outer lip and its size, it could be somewhat likened to the Recent *Strombus marginatus septimus* Duclos. Miocene according to van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 246. Smith's *semperi* is possibly a synonym.

*Synonymy—*

1879 *Strombus javanus* K. Martin, *Die Tertiärschichten auf Java*, Leiden, p. 47, pl. 9, fig. 2 (Java, Tertiary). Prior to Dec. 1879.

1879 *Strombus sumatranus* H. Woodward, *Geol. Mag.*, London, new series, decade 2, vol. 6, p. 543, pl. 14, fig. 19 (Tertiary Clay-marl, West Coast of Sumatra). Dec. 1879.

1900 *Strombus javanus* var. *semperi* W. D. Smith, *Philippine Jour. Science*, vol. 1, pl. 3, fig. 3, p. 629 (Upper Miocene, Loboo River, Batangas Prov., Luzon Id., Philippines).

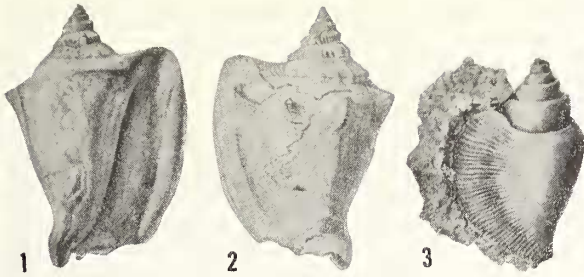


Plate 78. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus sedanensis* Martin. Lower Miocene of Java. (from K. Martin, 1899, pl. 29, figs. 416, 416a). Fig. 3, *Strombus javanus* Martin. Type from the Miocene of Java (from K. Martin, 1879, pl. 9, fig. 2). All natural size.

*Strombus variabilis subspecies  
variabilis* Swainson, 1820

(Pl. 14, figs. 21, 22)

*Range*—Sumatra and Thailand, eastward through Micronesia, Melanesia, northern Australia to Samoa.

*Remarks*—This species is rather variable in size, shape and color pattern. Insufficient material is available to establish any clear-cut subspeciation, but we would point out the presence of three forms. Typical *variabilis* from the western part of the range is the largest (usually about 2 inches in length), generally has a brown spot on the columella, has numerous, short, dark-brown, zigzag axial lines on the outer shell, and has well-shouldered apical whorls. At the east end of the range the supposed subspecies *athenius* is smaller (usually about 1¼ inches in length), is lighter-colored, with a more rounded spire, much heavier shell, and rarely has a brown patch on the columella. A dark-banded color form (pl. 14, fig. 20) occurs sporadically in the middle of the range.

*Habitat*—Just below the low tide mark in weedy, sandy mud to 25 fathoms in weed and coral sand.

*Description*—(of the typical form) Shell 33 to 60 mm. (1¼ to 2½ inches) in length, solid, moderately light, with a well-knobbed, shouldered spire, and winged outer lip. Color of shell enamel-white to cream with a heavy flecking and suffusion of dark- to yellow-brown, mainly consisting of numerous, crowded, short, zigzag lines. The last whorl has 5 narrow, indistinct, spiral, white bands. Columella and aperture smooth and milky white. Most specimens have a distinct, dark-brown, oblong color patch on the center of the columella.

Whorls 9 to 10. Nuclear whorls 3, the first being minute and elevated, the remaining being rounded, glossy, smooth, and translucent-tan. First three postnuclear whorls with 10 to 12 microscopic, squarish spiral threads. The fourth and later whorls bear 13 to 16 evenly-sized and evenly-distributed rounded knobs midway between the suture, this giving the periphery of the whorl an angular or shouldered appearance. Ventral side of body whorl smooth, slightly keeled above; dorsal side with 3 or 4 knobs, the next to last being largest, and the earlier ones being axially elongated. There are 8 to 9 whitish, rounded, swollen former varices in the first 4 postnuclear whorls. Base of shell with about 18 indistinct spiral threads. Columella smooth, rarely with a few very weak plications at the base. Inner lip usually smooth, but rarely with a few lirae near the base and stromboid notch. Upper end of outer lip with a short posterior siphonal groove and a shallow notch. Periostracum rather thin, translucent-tan, usually worn away. Operculum stromboid, strongly arching, light-brown, about one third the length of the shell, and with 7 strong serrations.

Radula ribbon 4 mm., light-tan and with about 42 rows of teeth. Formula 2-1-2; 1-2 (plus peg); 4; 4. Verge with a prominent thumb-like appendage on the broad, distal blade.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
60.0	30.0	9+	(large; Cebu Id.)
49.0	25.0	10	(average; Balabae Id.)
33.0	18.5	9	(small; Balabac Id.)

*Synonymy*—

- 1820 *Strombus variabilis* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, series 1, vol. 1, pl. 10 (South Seas) (spotted variety from India); 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 21, fig. 2; 1844, Duclos, in Chenu's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, pl. 11, figs. 9, 10; 1850, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 10, fig. 21c and d.
- 1829 *Strombus lituratus* Menke, Verzeichniss Conchyl.-Samml. Malsburg, Pymont, p. 58, no. 1205 (no locality); 1871, Möreh, Malakozool. Blätter, vol. 18, p. 127.

*Types*—Swainson's type is probably lost. He evidently had a mixture between the typical *variabilis* and the smaller *athenius*. The fact that he speaks of "numerous undulated short lines of darker colour" and a shell "two inches and a quarter long" leads us to believe he meant the Philippine form which we have figured on plate 14, fig. 21 and 22. For similar figures, see those mentioned in the above synonymies. We restrict the type locality to Cebu Island, Philippines.



Plate 79. Figs. 1 and 2, immature and adult *Strombus variabilis variabilis* Swainson, Luzon Id., Philippines. 3 and 4, adult and immature *S. variabilis athenius* Duclos, Dutch New Guinea. All  $\times 1.5$ .

**Records** (see map, pl. 80)—**THAILAND**: Koh Samet; Koh Chang (USNM); Ban Pe, Rayong Prov. (MCZ). **INDONESIA**: Poelo We, Atjeh, w. Sumatra Id. (Oostingh, 1929, no. 39, p. 2); Bouro Id., Moluccas (MCZ); Woda Id., Halmahera (MCZ). **MALAYA**: Singapore (USNM). **PHILIPPINES**: Mindoro: San Jose; Tilic Bay, Lubang Id. (both MCZ); Luzon: Tabaco, Albay Prov. (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958); Legaspi Bay (ANSP); Palawan: Balabac and Cuyo Id. (ANSP); Cebu: Bantayan (ANSP); near Cebu City (A. B. Franco, ANSP); Bohol: off Jagoliao Id., 2 fms. (E. Zambo, ANSP); Mindanao: Zamboanga (ANSP); Sulu Archipelago: Sanga Sanga Id. (John Root, ANSP). **CAROLINES**: Peleliu Id., Palau Ids. (NSF, 1955). **ADMIRALTY ISLANDS**: 16-25 fms. (R. B. Watson, 1886, "Challenger," p. 420). **SOLOMONS**: Buin, Bougainville Id. (MCZ; ANSP). **AUSTRALIA**: Yirrkala, Arnhemland; Groote Eylandt, Gulf of Carpentaria (both USNM); Sweers Id., Gulf of Carpentaria (MCZ); Queensland: Creen Id., Batt Reef, and Low Id. (MCZ; ANSP). [Melvill and Sykes, 1899, p. 44, record "Andamans", but this needs verification.]

**Fossil records**—Pliocene: Nias Id., off Sumatra, Indonesia (Icke and Martin, 1907, pp. 214, 239, pl. 15, figs. 23, 23a (this is based upon a young specimen which only resembles an immature *variabilis*). Pliocene: Upper Kalibeng layers, Java, Indonesia, according to Altena (1942, pp. 54, 55). Quaternary of East Borneo: Poeloe Boenjoe (Beets, 1950, vol. 15, p. 244).

***Strombus variabilis subspecies athenius* Duclos, 1844**

(Pl. 14, fig. 20; pl. 79, figs. 3, 4)

**Range**—Northern New Guinea, Marshalls to Samoa and New Caledonia.

**Remarks**—Insufficient material is available for a more complete understanding of this subspecies. It is possible that it represents a stunted ecological form. It is characterized by its much heavier shell, more rounded apex, absence of numerous, small, axial lines of dark-brown, its lighter color (which is all-white in Samoa and the Gilberts), and by the more weakly shouldered apical whorls. Its body whorl usually has 5 very broad light orange-brown bands. 10 of 57 specimens examined have the small dark patch on the columella, while in the typical *variabilis* from the Philippines 90 per cent of several dozen specimens have the brown columellar patch. Its length is between 26 and 43 mm. Animal similar to that of *variabilis*. Vergé with a less developed thumb-like appendage. Radula formula: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg), rarely 1-2 (plus peg); 4 or 5; 4, 5, or 6.

A third kind which appears to be a color form (our plate 14, fig. 20, p. [09-833]) has turned up in the Palau Islands, the Solomons, New Caledonia and northeast Australia. It is characterized by 5 or 6 very dark, even, chocolate-brown spiral bands. Reeve (1850) figures it in his pl. 10, fig. 21a from Darnley's Island, Australia. The sculpturing and the shape of the shell is more like true *variabilis*, but in color pattern it is more like *athenius*.

**Measurements (mm.)—**

length	width	no. whorls	
43.0	24.0	8 +	(large; Dutch New Guinea)
36.5	20.0	9	(average; Dutch New Guinea)
27.0	15.5	9	(small; Dutch New Guinea)

**Synonymy—**

1843 *Strombus variabilis* Swainson, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, Paris, vol. 4, pl. 21, fig. 2a (not fig. 2); 1850, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, pl. 10, fig. 21b (not others).

1844 *Strombus athenius* Duclos, in Chenu's Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 4, p. 7, pl. 11, fig. 2 (probably not fig. 1). Locality unknown.

**Types**—We hereby designate as the lectoholotype the specimen figured on plate 11, fig. 2 in Duclos' *Strombus* monograph of 1844. We restrict the type locality to Biak Island, Dutch New Guinea.

**Nomenclature**—Duclos described this species on the basis of several good characters, as mentioned above. However, he was not aware that some specimens may have a brown columellar patch, a feature which he erroneously attributed solely to



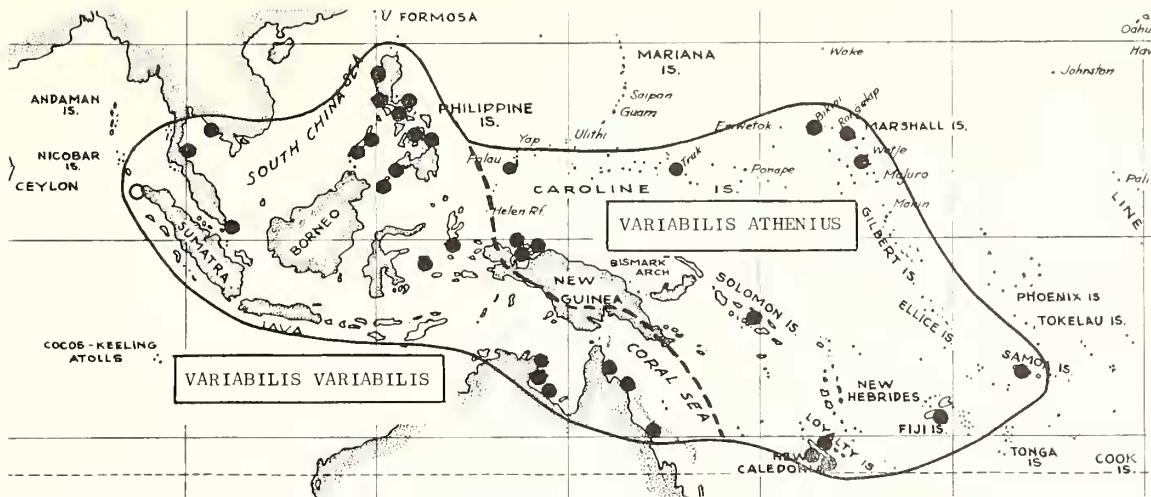


Plate 80. Geographical distribution of *Strombus variabilis* Swainson and its eastern subspecies, *athenius* Duclos.

*variabilis*. It is possible that his figure 2 is a true *variabilis*.

*Records* (see map, pl. 80)—DUTCH NEW GUINEA: off Rani Island, Schouten Ids., 1-3 fms.; off Rouw Id., Aoeri Ids., 1 fm.; Matas Id., Aocri Ids., intertidal; off Mios Wondi, Padaido Ids., 3-8 fms.; 2 mi. west of Korido, Soepiori Id., reef flat (all NSF, 1956). NEW CALEDONIA: Dge (Cockerell, ANSP); Laregnere Reef, E. of Noumea, 2 fms.; Noumea, 4-12 fms.; barrier reef, Touho Bay (all G. and M. Kline, NSF, 1959). FIJI: Suva (ANSP). MARSHALL ISLANDS: Bikini; Rongelap; Majuro; Arno lagoon (all USNM); Kwajalein (Yale Peabody Mus.). GILBERTS: Apiang (MCZ). SAMOA: Tutuila Id. (ANSP). CAROLINES: Truk Id. (Mrs. R. T. Gallemore).

*Fossil records*—None recorded.

### *Strombus minimus* Linné, 1771

(Pl. 18, figs. 4, 5; pl. 74, fig. 3)

*Range*—Ryuku Islands to Indonesia and eastward through Melanesia to Fiji.

*Remarks*—This species is locally abundant in the middle of its range, but rather uncommon to the north and to the east. It is evidently absent from small islands or coral waters. It is readily recognized by its small, thick, heavy shell, chrome-yellow aperture, and by the swollen columella and thick posterior siphonal canal. No subspecies have been recognized, except Abrard's Pliocene *minor* which we believe is *pulchellus* Reeve.

*Habitat*—Lives in large colonies from the low tide mark down to 12 fathoms, sometimes on coral sand and weed bottom, at other times in muddy, dirty, shallow water. Its sparsity in the Ryuku Islands, Fiji and New Caledonia probably means that it does not live in very shallow water in those areas. They are cast up on many Philippine beaches after storms.

*Description*—Shell 14 to 40 mm. (usually about 30) in length (about 1 inch), very heavy and solid for its size, with a swollen columella, with the edges of its posterior siphonal canal swollen, and with a chrome-yellow aperture. Color of outer shell dark- to light- brown with minute flecks of cream. Last whorl with one, rarely two, spiral rows of white squares. Parietal wall usually cream to whitish. Whorls 9; nuclear whorls 3, the first very small and elevated, the remainder rounded, glossy, smooth and translucent brown to tan. Next 4 post-nuclear whorls with about 15 microscopic, squarish, spiral threads which cross over the 9 small, rounded, whitish former varices. Axial sculpture begins in the 5th whorl in the form of about 17 elongated, shouldered knobs. The smooth ventral wall of the body whorl is swollen on its left by an elongate axial ridge, and followed anteriorly by 2 or 3 small shoulder knobs. Posterior siphonal canal slightly S-shaped, extending up over 2 sutures, and with 2 very thickened, flattened edges. Columella very swollen, white, smooth, but rarely with 2 to 4 weak lirac at the base. Outer lip smooth within, except for a dozen very weak, short lirac at the base. Interior of aperture chrome-yellow. Base of shell with about 10 weak spiral threads. Stromboid notch very shallow. Periostracum moderately developed, translucent-tan. Operculum stromboid, slightly less than one third the length of the shell, and with 8 well-developed, sharp serrations.

Radula ribbon delicate, translucent-tan, 2 mm. in length (shell 29 mm.), and with about 33 rows. Formula for one Luzon specimen: 3-1-3; 1-4 (plus peg); 5; 7. Another Luzon specimen: 2-1-2; 1-3 (plus peg); 5; 6. Tentacles and posterior mantle filament long. Animal with red-brown maculations and dustings of black. Vergé unknown.

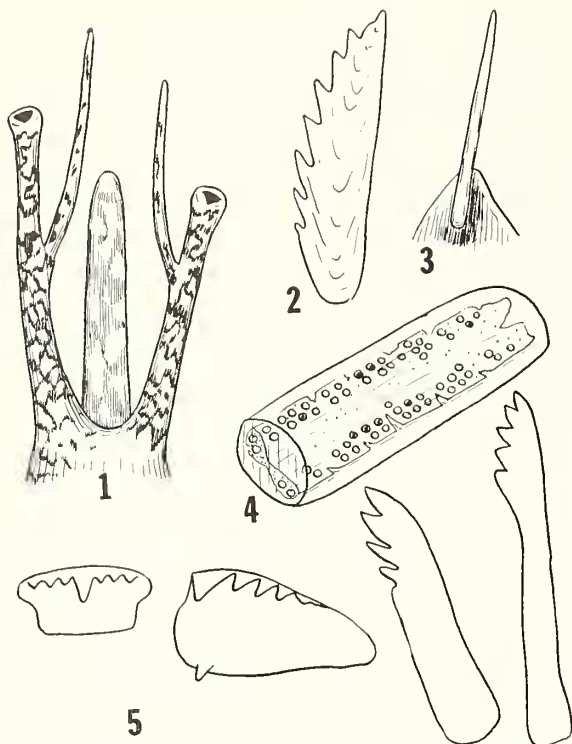


Plate 81. *Strombus minimus* Linné, Luzon Island, Philippines. Fig. 1, dorsal view of head, showing eye peduncles and proboscis. 2, operculum. 3, posterior corner of mantle margin, showing 2 mm.-long, fleshy appendage. 4, 3-mm. terminal part of gelatinous egg mass removed from preserved female. 5, radular teeth.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
14.0	9.0	5+	(small; Luzon Id.)
41.0	21.5	10	(large; Cebu Id.)
31.5	18.0	10	(average; Luzon Id.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1771 *Strombus minimus* Linné, *Mantissa plantarum—regni anim. appendix*, p. 549 (In India orientali); 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, p. 298-299; 1851, Reeve, *Conch. Icon.*, vol. 6, pl. 18, fig. 47.
- 1798 *Lambis minimus* Gmelin, Röding, *Museum Boltzenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 65, no. 836. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 10, figs. 1491, 1492.
- 1822 *Strombus troglodytes* Lamarck, *Anim. sans Vert.*, vol. 7, p. 209 (Grandes Indes). Refers to *S. minimus* Linné; *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 10, figs. 1491 and 1492; and others.

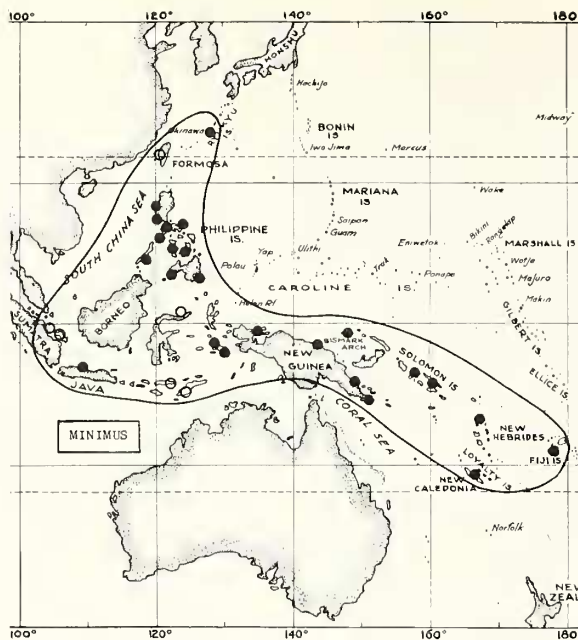


Plate 82. Geographical distribution of *Strombus minimus* Linné.

1843 *Strombus troglodytes* Lam., Kiener, *Coquilles Vivantes*, vol. 4, pl. 31, fig. 2.

*Types*—According to Dodge (1956, p. 298), Linnæus' type is not in existence. We hereby restrict the type locality to Cebu City, Cebu Island, Philippines, from whence our figures 4 and 5 specimens come.

*Records* (see map, pl. 82)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Buchner Bay (A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Taihoku-syu (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: abundant throughout the archipelago: Luzon; Mindanao; Cebu; Panay; Palawan; Mindoro; Negros; Camaguin; and Marinduque Ids. (ANSP; USNM; MCZ). INDONESIA: Amboina (MCZ); Isle of Dol, N. Loloda Ids. (MCZ); Riouv Ids.; Banka Id.; Celebes; Flores; Timor (all Oostingh, 1923, p. 83). NEW GUINEA: Dauwi Id., E. Padaido Ids. (NSF, 1956); Finschhafen (MCZ); Samarai and Oro Bay (ANSP); Seleo Id., Aitape Id. (USNM). SOLOMONS: Rabaul, New Britain Id. (USNM); Guadalcanal Id. (MCZ). NEW HEBRIDES: Espiritu Santo Id. (MCZ). NEW CALEDONIA: Touho Bay (C. and M. Kline, NSF, 1959). FIJI: off Rukua, Bega Id., 3-12 fms. (D. Thaanum); Suva Pt., Viti Levu Id. (H. S. Ladd, USNM).

*Fossil records*—INDONESIA: Pliocene of Sondc, Java (K. Martin, 1899, p. 182, pl. 29, fig. 421). Abrard's 1946, p. 60 record for the Pliocene of New Hebrides is probably *pulchellus* Reeve.

### Subgenus *Labiostrombus* Oostingh, 1925

Type: *Strombus epidromis* Linné, 1758

Because of anatomical and shell characters, we are considering *Labiostrombus*, with its sole living species, *epidromis* Linné, as a subgenus distinct from the many-species subgenus *Dolomena* Iredale. *Labiostrombus*, in the past, has been applied to species which we now consider to be members of *Dolomena* (*minimus*, *marginatus*, *pulchellus*, etc.).

Three fossil species of *Labiostrombus* are known: *Strombus leurus* Wooding, 1928, from the Miocene of Jamaica, West Indies; *denti* Cox, 1948 from the Pliocene of Borneo; and *kemedjingsensis* Martin, 1916, from the Lower Miocene of Java.

Conchologically, the shells are characterized by having the upper part of the outer lip rising evenly, without a posterior sinus, on to the whorl above. The shell is rather light-weight and thin, the columella smooth and axial sculpture usually poorly developed. The main cusps in the central and the elongate lateral sometimes have very tiny sub-denticles. The marginals are long and slender; the lateral has a small basal peg. In general, the radular teeth are very delicate and loosely attached to the odontophore. The very long prong-like penis has three peculiar divisions at the distal end. The eye stalks and tentacles are long, and the operculum has many small serrations.

#### Synonymy—

- 1847 *Gallinula* "Klein" Herrmannsen, Indisic Centrum Malacozoorum Primordia, vol. 1, p. 461. Not validly proposed (name only). Non Brisson, 1760.
- 1852 *Gallinula* "Klein" Mörch, Cat. Conch. de Yoldi, p. 61. Type hereby selected: *Strombus epidromis* Linné, 1758.
- 1854 *Gallinula* "Klein" H. and A. Adams, Genera of Recent Mollusca, vol. 1, p. 259. (Invalid type designation by Kobelt, 1878, Illust. Conchyl., p. 105: *s. isabella* Lamarck [not in original list by name]); [Tryon, 1885, vol. 7, p. 101 and Oostingh, 1925, p. 58 both gave the invalid type designation of *succinctus* Linné].
- 1868 *Gallinula* H. and A. Adams, American Journal of Conchology, vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 139. Type by listing first species, *campbelli*; invalid designation.
- 1904 *Gallinula* "Klein" Cossmann, Essai de Paleconch. Compar., Paris, 6th book, p. 9. First valid designation of type: *Strombus epidromis* Linné.
- 1925 *Labiostrombus* Oostingh, Mededeelingen van de Landbouwhoogeschool Wageningen, vol. 29, pt. 1, p. 58. New name for *Gallinula* H. and A. Adams, non Brisson, 1760. Type [invalid] by original designation: *succinctus* Linné. New type designation hereby made: *Strombus epidromis* Linné.

*Nomenclature*—The first valid introduction of *Gallinula* for mollusks was made by Mörch in 1852. Tryon's type designation of *succinctus* Linné is invalid, since that species is not listed by any previous authors in *Gallinula*. Cossmann's 1904 designation of *epidromis* Linné is the first valid designation. Oostingh's *Labiostrombus*, a new name, will have to take this type also. Herrmannsen's 1847 name is not defined nor contains any species by name. It is also a homonym of the bird genus *Gallinula* Brisson, 1760.

### *Strombus epidromis* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 17, figs. 17; pl. 83, figs. 1, 2)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands and Singapore to Queensland and New Caledonia.

*Remarks*—This handsome species is sparsely distributed throughout its moderately restricted range, but evidently occurs in large colonies in certain very localized areas. For its three-inch size, the shell is rather light, has a large, rounded, flaring outer lip, and is characterized by a smooth, enamel-white aperture and columella. Older specimens may have an aluminum-like glaze on the lips. The upper part of the outer lip may either just reach to the first suture above or extend up to the second suture. The radula and the verge are both very unusual (see under description).



Plate 83. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus epidromis* Linné (immature), Dutch New Guinea. Both  $\times 2$ .

Although no fossil specimens have been found, closely related species are recorded from the Pliocene and Upper Miocene of Indonesia.

*Habitat*—Lives in muddy to sandy bottoms from 1 to 16 fathoms. Fine coral sand and foraminifera have been found in the intestine. The species has not been found on small coral atolls, but rather is associated with larger islands.

*Description*—Shell 53 to 90 mm. (2 to 3½ inches) in length, relatively thin-shelled but strong, with a smoothish last whorl, with a large, flaring, rounded outer lip, and with a smooth, white aperture. Whorls 10 to 11, rounded to shouldered in the apex and only slightly convex in the last. Angle of spire about 50° and with a dozen whitish former varices. Nuclear whorls 2, rounded, elevated, glossy, smooth, translucent and either whitish or lavender. First 4 postnuclear whorls with about 10 squarish, minute, spiral cords which cross about 20 small, crowded, rounded axial riblets. The spiral cords disappear on the lower whorls, and the axial riblets are reduced to a spiral series of small, even, knobs on the now squarish shoulder of the whorl. Last whorl glossy, smooth, except for 3 or 4 long, weak, axial plications. One or two of the latter usually have a small, low, rounded knob. Suture even, minutely indented, and, in the apex, bounded below by a weak spiral cord. Aperture ample, smooth and enamel-white within. Columellar callus weak, smooth and white. Posterior siphonal canal short; stromboid notch broadly U-shaped. Base of shell with about a dozen, weak spiral threads. Outer shell whitish to cream with weak mottlings, speckles and rarely with flames of yellow-brown. Spire rarely lavender. Periostracum rather thin, rather smooth and grayish to translucent-tan. Operculum stromboid, chestnut to black-brown, arching about ¼ the length of the shell; attachment side with a strong, central rib; convex edge with 12 to 14 small, narrow, curved serrations.

Radular ribbon proportionately small (5.5 to 6.0 mm. in length and 1.5 mm. in width), with weakly attached, tan to amber teeth in 55 to 60 rows. Central ovoid to quadrate with a simple or tricuspid central cusp flanked on each side by 2 or rarely 3 smaller cusps. Lateral thin, quadrate, with a small basal peg, with its largest cusps usually bearing 1 or 2 tiny dentitions. Outer marginal long and bent. Formula: 2-1-2 or 3-1-3; 1-4 (plus peg); 5; 6 (New Caledonia and Dutch New Guinea specimens examined).

Body stromboid; eye peduncles with purplish brown background and white spots; proboscis with

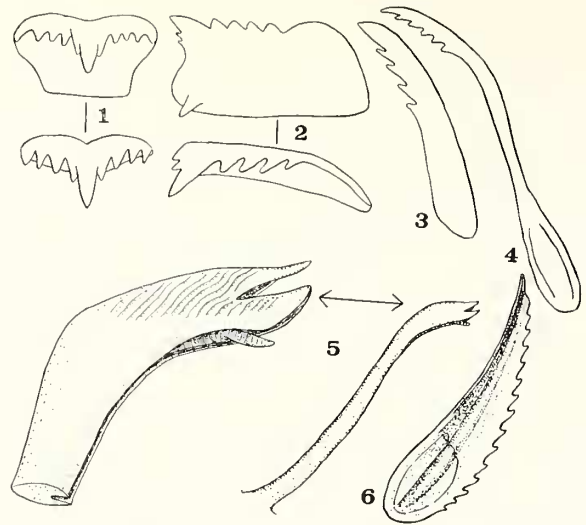


Plate 84. *Strombus epidromis* Linné, Dutch New Guinea. Fig. 1, central. 2, lateral tooth. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, vergé, showing enlargement of distal end. 6, operculum.

dark, narrow, transverse color lines. Tentacles long. Vergé long and narrow (30 mm. in length; shell of male, 68 mm.). Terminal end three-pronged.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
89.0	49.5	6+	(large; Cebu Id.)
74.0	42.0	10	(average; Dutch New Guinea)
53.5	32.1	9	(small; New Caledonia)

*Synonymy—*

- 1758 *Strombus epidromis* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 745, no. 436 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1211, no. 506; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 273-275.
- 1798 *Lambis epidromis* Gmelin, Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 65, no. 834. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, fig. 821.
- 1885 *Strombus expansa* "Martini", Tryon, *Manual of Conchology*, Phila., vol. 7, p. 138.

*Types*—"The specimen marked for *epidromis* in the Linnaean collection in [Linnaean Society of London] London is the *epidromis* of all authors and may therefore be accepted as the type specimen." (Dodge, 1956, p. 274). We hereby restrict the type locality to Amboina, Indonesia.

*Records* (see map, pl. 85)—SINGAPORE: (R. D. Purchon, ANSP). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Buckner Bay, Okinawa Id. (A. A. Scott, ANSP). PHILIPPINES: off Corregidor Id., Luzon Id., 6-10 fms. (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958). Cebu Id.: Bantayan (E. Zambo, ANSP); near Cebu City (A. B. Franco, ANSP). Bohol Id.: Jagoliao Id., 2 fms. (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958). Cuyo Id., Palawan Prov. (ANSP). Mindanao Id.: Mindanao (ANSP). Sulu Archipelago: Bongao Channel, Sanga Sanga Id. (John Root, ANSP); Jolo Id. (USNM); Tataan Id., 16 fms., Albatross Station 5161 (USNM). INDONESIA: Amboina (MCZ).

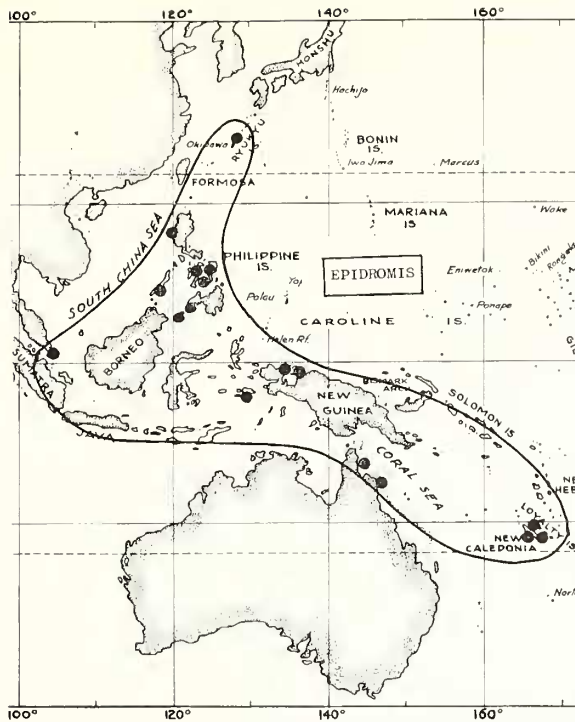


Plate 85. Geographical distribution of *Strombus epidromis* Linné.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Mios Woendi Isle, Padaido Ids. (NSF, 1956). AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Cooktown (Tony Marsh, ANSP), Bundaberg (W. E. Old, Jr., ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: Dge (Cockerell, ANSP); Baie de l'Orphelinat, 1 fm., mud; Bourail; Noumea, 4-12 fms. (all C. and M. Kline, NSF, 1959).

Fossil records—None recorded.

### *Strombus denti* Cox, 1948

*Range*—Fossil (Pliocene) of northeast Borneo, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This species appears to be related to *epidromis*, but differs in having long axial riblets in the spire, lacking the angulation of the spire whorls, and in having a less expansive outer lip which reaches up to the second suture above. Whorls 12, length of shell 90.5 mm. Type locality: 7 km. inland from Dent Haven, Dent Peninsula, northeast Borneo, Indonesia. Cox points out that *Strombus deningeri* Fischer, 1921, based upon an immature specimen from the Pliocene of Ceram, is suspiciously akin to young specimens of *denti*. The latter may be a subspecies or synonym of *deningeri* Fischer. Dickerson's (1922, vol. 20, pl. 5, fig. 5)

*Strombus* sp. may be the young of *denti* or an *epidromis*-like species.

#### *Synonymy*—

1948 *Strombus (Labiostrombus) denti* Cox, Schweizerische Palaeontologische Abhandlungen, vol. 66, art. 2, p. 29, pl. 2, figs. 4 a, b, 5 (Pliocene, Borneo).

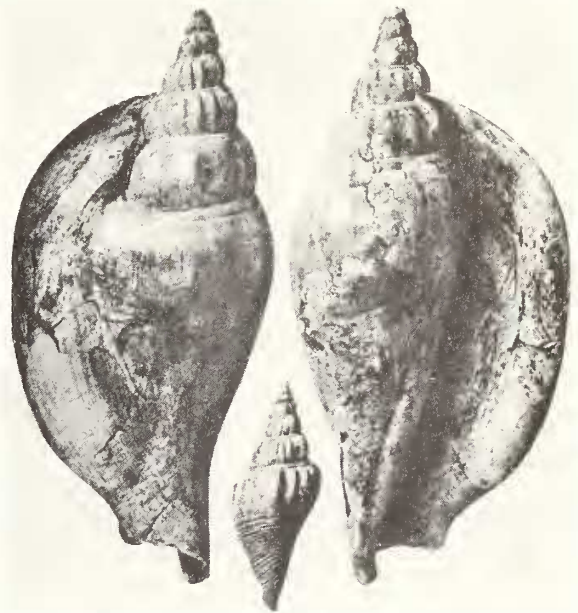


Plate 86. *Strombus (Labiostrombus) denti* Cox. Dent Haven, British North Borneo. Pliocene. (from Cox, 1948, pl. 2, figs. 4a, b, holotype, fig. 5, immature, paratype). Natural size.

### *Strombus kemedjingensis* Martin, 1916

*Range*—Lower Miocene (West-Progo beds), Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—Based upon a badly broken specimen. Martin likened it to *vittatus* Linné and *isabella* Lam. [= *canarium* Linné], but I would suggest that it is allied to the *denti* Cox and *epidromis* Linné complex. Lower Miocene according to van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 247.

#### *Synonymy*—

1916 *Strombus (Gallinula) kemedjingensis* K. Martin, Samml. Geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 2, pt. 6, p. 246, pl. 2, figs. 47, 48 (Upper Miocene, Kali Kemedjing, Java); 1928, Leidsche Geol. Meded., vol. 3, pt. 2, p. 126.

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**Strombus vittatus Linné, 1758**

*Strombus vittatus* is a polytypic and very variable species extending in range from Japan southward through the East Indies and Melanesia to northern Australia. There are three geographically distinct subspecies, probably of late Pliocene or early Pleistocene origin. One of these is the northern *japonicus* Reeve from Japan. The typical subspecies, *vittatus*, occupies the central area from southeastern Asia to Melanesia. The third subspecies, *campbelli*, is evidently confined to the Australian mainland. Workers solely using the morphological concept of species consider these as separate species.

A synopsis of the key characters of the three subspecies is given below:

*vittatus*—body whorl smoothish, its dorsum with one weak knob; 1 to 4 smooth spiral cords or incised lines just below the suture (rarely a weak channel).

*japonicus*—body whorl strongly and spirally corded; subsutural threads 1 to 3 and weak.

*campbelli*—body whorl smoothish, its dorsum always with one fairly strong knob or swelling subsutural band well-beaded, especially in earlier whorls.

**Subgenus Doxander Iredale, 1931**

Type: *Strombus vittatus* Linné, 1758

Whether one considers *Strombus vittatus* Linné, *campbelli* Gray, and *japonicus* Reeve as distinct species or subspecies of *vittatus*, the three make a rather small, compact and distinct subgenus which is characterized by shells with a high spire, a verge with a rather large accessory pad, and a radula whose marginals are very thick, roundish in cross-section and with very reduced or absent denticles. There are only 24 to 28 rows of teeth. The operculum is serrated along one edge. The subgenus is represented in the Recent Indo-Pacific only.

There are three fossil species or subspecies in the Upper Miocene and Pliocene of Indonesia which are treated in this account.

**Synonymy—**

1931 *Doxander* Iredale, Records Australian Mus., vol. 18, no. 4, p. 212. Type by original designation: *vittatus* Gmelin [= *Strombus vittatus* Linné].

**Nomenclature**—Gabb in 1868 implied, but did not legally select, *campbelli* (a close relative to *vittatus*) as the type of the genus *Gallinula* H. and A. Adams. However, the latter name is a homonym in any event and would not precede *Doxander* (see under synonymy of *Labiostrombus* Oostingh).

**Strombus vittatus subspecies vittatus Linné, 1758**

(Pl. 17, figs. 14)

**Range**—Southern China to eastern Malaya to Melanesia and northern Australia.

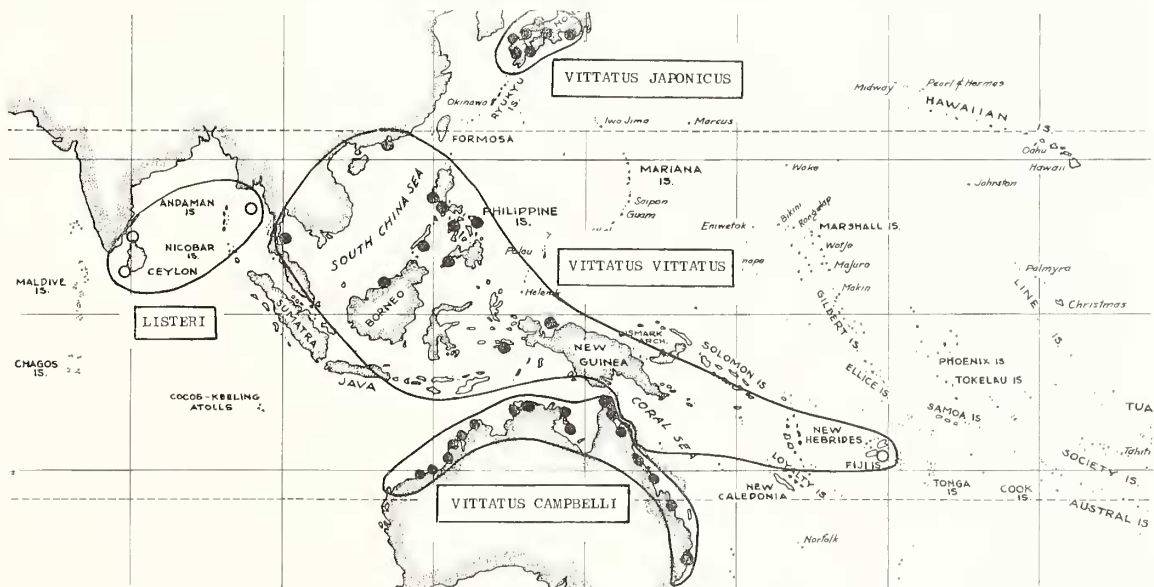


Plate 87. Geographical distribution of *Strombus listeri* T. Gray, and the subspecies of *Strombus vittatus*—*vittatus*

Linné, *japonicus* Reeve and *campbelli* Griffith and Pidgeon.



Plate 88. Radula of *Strombus vittatus vittatus* Linné, Hong Kong. Fig. 1, central. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal, showing cross-sections. 4, outer marginal.

*Remarks*—This subspecies is very variable in size, coloration, height of spiral and degree of axial plication. It is moderately common offshore, but infrequently east up on beaches. Specimens with extremely high spires and strong axial plications persisting to the parietal wall are referred to as *form turritus* Lamarck or *australis* Schröter. Intergrades with the shorter, smoother forms are not uncommon. The small hump or smooth knob on the dorsum of the body whorl (so common in *campbelli*) appears in some specimens. Specimens from Hong Kong have barnacles attached to the “dorsal” surface.

A peculiar specimen from China lacking axial sculpture and having a channeled suture was illustrated by Chemnitz in the *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 11, pl. 195A, figs. 1870 and 1871. It received a valid name in 1802 (*sulcatus* Holten) and in 1817 (*sulcatus* Dillwyn). I have not seen specimens, and am inclined to believe, as have others, that it is a malformed *vittatus*. A similar malformation has been found in *S. gigas* of the West Indies (named *canaliculatus* Burry, 1949).

*Description*—(of the typical form). Shell 40 to 66 mm. (1½ to 3½ inches) in length, rather thin but strong, with a moderately- to well-produced spire, a winged outer lip, white aperture and with its exterior colored a light yellow-brown to tan which may have 4 to 5 narrow, white and brown flecked spiral bands on the body whorl. Whorls 11 to 12. Nuclear whorls 4, translucent-white or lavender, glossy, and with the first one very small. First postnuclear whorl glistening, first with 1 to 3 spiral incised scratches, then with glossy, crowded, rather neat, axial riblets (15 to 22 per whorl). In later whorls the spiral incised lines are usually limited to 3 to 6 on the lower half of the whorl. The shouldered axial riblets do not invade the area just

below the suture where there may be a smooth concave area or a series of 1 to 4 spiral threads. Base of shell with 15 to 20 low, flat-topped, spiral cords. Center of body whorl usually smooth, but may have a single low knob on the dorsum just below the suture. The axial riblet may disappear on the last two whorls. Columella slightly arching, enamel-white, its left side sometimes bordered by a longitudinal eink, smooth in the center, but above with a dozen very weak spiral rugae and at the base sometimes with 2 or 3 very weak lirae. Posterior canal narrow and extending to the suture above. Wing of outer lip tongue-like and eurred slightly inward. Interior of body whorl glossy white and with a series of tiny, irregular, low, white, spiral lirae which are dispersed along a band a slight way back from the edge of the outer lip. Stromboid notch usually weakly developed. Anterior siphonal canal short, not recurved nor twisted. Spire angle varying from 30 to 40 degrees, and with or without 4 or 5 small, swollen, whitish former varices in the upper 6 whorls. Periostracum extremely thin and transparent, usually being worn off, but sometimes persisting in the form of axial fimbriations in the concave subsutural channel. Operculum stromboid, light-brown, slightly arching, moderately thin and in our worn specimens showing signs of about 7 weak serrations.

Radula with moderately strong teeth, 9 mm. in length and with only 25 to 26 rows. The marginals are thick and with few denticles and the peg on the lateral is quite reduced. Formula: 3-1-3 (also 2-1-2); 1-2; 2 to 4; 5. Verge simple, with a well-developed laminated pad which is mottled. Posterior mantle filament short.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
86.5	35.0	10+	(large; Hong Kong)
72.3	31.2	10+	(average; Mindanao Id.)
40.0	20.8	8+	(small; Luzon Id.)
36.1	18.1	11	(dwarf; Palawan Id.)

#### Synonymy—

- 1758 *Strombus vittatus* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 745, no. 439 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1211, no. 508; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 276-278.
- 1798 *Lambis vittatus* Gmelin, Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 66, no. 838. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 10, figs. 1481, 1482.
- ?1802 *Strombus sulcatus* Holten, *Enumeratio Systematica Conchyl.*, beat. Chemnitzii, p. 56, no. 735. Refers to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 11, figs. 1870, 1871; 1823, Dillwyn, *An Index to Hist. Conchyl.* Lister, ed. 3, p. 38. Not G. Fischer, 1807; not Anton, 1839 which is *S. alatus* Gmelin.



- 1805 *Strombus australis* Schröter, Wiedermann's Archiv. für Zool. und Zootomie, Braunschweig, vol. 4, p. 93 (Sudlandern). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1481, 1482. Non Gray, 1826, non Anton, 1839 (The turreted form.)
- 1822 *Strombus turritus* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., Paris, vol. 7, p. 212 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1481, 1482. Non Link, 1807. (The turreted form.)
- 1950 *Strombus (Doxaudei) vittatus* Gmelin, Beets, Overdruk Leidse Geol. Mededeelingen, vol. 15, p. 245. (Turreted form from Quaternary of East Borneo.)

*Types*—Linné's type of *vittatus* was present in the Linnaean collection at the Linnaean Society of London (according to Hanley, 1855, p. 273). We hereby restrict the type locality to Amboina, Indonesia.

*Nomenclature*—The higher spired and more strongly plicate form was first named *australis* Schröter in 1805, and has precedence over the form name *turritus* Lamarck, 1822. The latter is a secondary homonym of *Lambis turrita* Röding, 1798 which is a synonym of *gallus* Linné from the Caribbean.

*Records* (see map, pl. 87) (for typical *vittatus* and its "turreted" forms)—HONG KONG: south of Aap Li Chaan (A. Staple, ANSP); beach at Stanley (Mme. de Breuil, ANSP). THAILAND: all Gulf of Siam: Mäikhas Beach, Phuket (G. M. Moore, MCZ); Khan Nu Paknam; Bangbert Bay; Koh Samet; Singora (all USNM). PHILIPPINES: 7-10 fms. at San Nicolas Shoals, Manila Bay, Luzon Id. (du Pont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP); Cuyo Id., Palawan Prov. (ANSP); 40 fms., Aborlan, Palawan (ANSP, MCZ); Iloilo, Panay Id. (USNM); Cadiz and Santa Cruz, Negros Id. (USNM); north end of Cebu Id. (Dr. Lucerno, ANSP); Catbalogan, Samar Id. (R. T. Abbott, MCZ); Zamboanga, Mindanao Id. (MCZ); off Tawi Tawi, Sulu Archipelago (18 fms., green mud, Albatross Sta. 5164 USNM). INDONESIA: 39 fms., off Taganak Id., Borneo (USNM). Sarawak, Brit. Borneo (MCZ). Keledjitan and Tjiperwagaran, Bantam, Java (both USNM); Amboina, Celebes (MCZ); 1400 meters in the Madura Straits; 27-32 meters in the Macassar Straits; 13 meters, Pulu Jedan, Aru Ids. (all "Siboga", Shepman, 1909, p. 148). DUTCH NEW GUINEA: 10-16 fms., off Cape Dgarwawoffi, Japen Id. (NSF, 1956). AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Brampton Reef, Bowen (ANSP); Cape Upstart (ANSP); sand flats at Port Douglas (Tony Marsh, ANSP). FIJI: 12 fms., off Levuka Id. (E. A. Smith, "Challenger", 1886, p. 420).

*Fossil records*—Reported, but unverified by me, from the Pliocene of Java (see van der Vlerk, 1931, p. 247). Probably based upon other species. *S. deningeri* P. J. Fischer, 1921, is the young of a *vittatus vittatus*-like Pliocene *Strombus* from Ceram Island, Indonesia. Beets (1950, vol. 15, p. 245) reports two specimens of the "turreted" form from the Quaternary of Blitong, Java, and one Quaternary specimen from Poeloe Boenjoe, East Borneo, Indonesia. A Pliocene Java, Indonesia, form (*S. triangulatus* Martin) is extremely close to Recent specimens of *vittatus* and might well be considered a subspecies of it.

### *Strombus vittatus* subspecies *japonicus* Reeve, 1851

(Pl. 17, figs. 18)

*Range*—Southern half of Honshu Island to southern Kyushu Island, Japan.

*Remarks and description*—This common Japanese subspecies differs from the southern *vittatus* in being more brightly colored, in having a lower spire (45 to 50 degree angle), and in having small but well-developed, crowded spiral cords over the entire body whorl. There are two or three very weak, sometimes obsolete, spiral threads just below the suture. The outer lip is generally thicker and the spiral lirae within the aperture are fewer (25 to 30), longer and stronger. The posterior siphonal canal is usually longer, running beyond the above suture, and sometimes being sinuate. The banded pattern on the body whorl is pronounced in most specimens, and the brown coloring is usually dark. We have seen an all-orange specimen. In some specimens the shoulder of the body whorl may bear 5 to 8 indistinct, white-blotched rather equal-sized nodules. Periostracum moderately thick, yellow-brown, rough and flaking off when dry.

#### *Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
66.0	32.5	10	(large; Nagasaki)
56.8	27.1	11	(average; Hazu-gun)
47.6	24.0	9+	(small; Hiroshima)

*Habitat*—Common in colonies on mud or gravel and mud bottoms from 5 to 20 fathoms.

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1851 *Strombus japonicus* Reeve, Conchologica Iconica, London, vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 17, fig. and sp. 42 (Japan).
- 1869 *Strombus japonicus* Reeve, Lisehke, Japanische Meeres-Conchylien, suppl. 4, vol. 1, p. 30, pl. 5, fig. 7 (Nagasaki).
- 1959 *Labiostrombus japonicus* Reeve, Kira, Colour. Illus. Shells of Japan, Osaka, 2nd ed., p. 13, pl. 15, fig. 13.

*Types*—Reeve's type is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History in London. The type locality is "Japan" which we further restrict to Nagasaki, Kyushu Island.

*Records* (see map, pl. 87) (all Japan)—HONSHU: Nonai, Mutsu Bay, Aomori Pref. (Nomura and Hatai, 1931, p. 11); Oga Peninsula, Akita Pref. (Nishimura and Watabe, 1943, no. 3, p. 67). Yamagata Pref. (Nomura and Zimbo, 1936, no. 30, p. 28, no. 102). Tateyama, near Tokyo Bay, Chiba Pref. (ANSP); Suruga Bay, Shizuoka Pref. (K. Oyama, 1943, p. 16, no. 146). Shirako, Mie Pref. (T. Habe, ANSP). Ei, Awaji Id., Hyogo Pref. (T. Habe, ANSP). Hiroshima, Hiroshima Pref. (A. R. Cahn, ANSP). Isshiki, Hazu-gun, Aichi Pref. (T. Habe, ANSP); Wakasa Bay, Kyoto Pref. (ANSP). SHIKOKU: Tosa Bay (ANSP). KYUSHU: Chikuzen (K. Hatai, ANSP); Tomioka, Amakusa, Kumamoto Pref. (T. Habe, ANSP); Nagasaki, Nagasaki Pref. (H. Loomis, ANSP; USNM). Iwakawa, pt. 2, 1905, p. 86 records this species from Ogasawarajima [Bonin Ids.] but I have not been able to verify this.

*Fossil records*—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Simaziri Beds, lower Pliocene, Cabusoga, Okinawa Id. (Nomura and Zimbo, 1936, vol. 18, no. 3, p. 259, pl. 11, figs. 27a, b.) JAPAN: Honshu Island: Otake, Shimosa in the Upper Musashino of the Upper Pliocene or later (Yokoyama, 1922, vol. 44, p. 70, pl. 3, fig. 12); the Oti Graben Pleistocene in Noto Peninsula (Y. Otuka, 1935, vol. 13, p. 366, pl. 54, fig. 99).

*Strombus vittatus subspecies  
madiunensis* Martin, 1899

Range—Pliocene of Java.

Remarks—This species is closest in most characters to *vittatus japonicus*, differing only in having a slightly lower spire and in having slightly more angular whorls in the spire. Altena's Atjeh, Sumatra specimen (*madiunensis* Martin, Altena, 1942, p. 52, figure 14) is probably not this subspecies, but possibly another species which, at least in shape, is more like *S. marginatus succinctus* Linné from the Bay of Bengal. Nomura and Zimbo's *japonicus* (1936, p. 259, pl. 11, fig. 27) from the Lower Pliocene of Okinawa may be this subspecies.

Synonymy—

1899 *Strombus* (*s. str.*) *madiunensis* K. Martin, Samml. Geol. Reichs-Mus. Leiden, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 183, pl. 29, figs. 422, 422a, 422b (Sonde, Gendingan, Madiun Residency, Java, Pliocene).

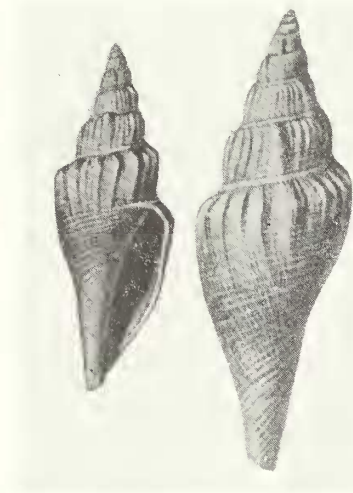


Plate 89. *Strombus vittatus deningeri* P. J. Fischer. Pliocene of Ceram Island, Indonesia. Types. (from Fischer, 1927, pl. 212, figs. 25a, b).  $\times 2$ .

*Strombus vittatus subspecies  
deningeri* P. J. Fischer, 1921

Range—Pliocene of Ceram, Indonesia.

Remarks—This species was based upon an immature specimen which closely resembles the young stage of the Recent *vittatus*. It is not allied to *variabilis* or *denti* Cox.

Synonymy—

1921 *Strombus deningeri* P. J. Fischer, Centralblatt für Mineral., Geol. Paläont., vol. 22, p. 244 (Western Ceram); 1927, P. J. Fischer, Paläontologie von Timor, Stuttgart, pt. 15, art. 25, p. 56, pl. 212, fig. 25 a, b. (Pliocene, Seran [Ceram Id., Indonesia]).

*Strombus vittatus subspecies  
campbelli* Griffith and Pidgeon, 1834

(Pl. 17, figs. 13)

Range—The north half of Australia from Western Australia to New South Wales.

Remarks and Description—This is a very distinctive geographical subspecies of *vittatus* and is, by some, considered a separate species. The whorls in the spire are usually flatter and the subsutural cord bears numerous, small, but well-developed, axially elongated beads. The latter may disappear in the last whorl. Nuclear whorls  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , glossy, translucent white, rarely tinged with lavender. First postnuclear whorl with a fine incised line just below the suture, then joined by numerous axial, glossy riblets. Spire with 1 or 2 to 14 small, swollen, rounded, white, axial former varices. Color of shell whitish cream with irregular mottlings of light- to dark-brown which under the microscope show numerous delicate zigzag streaks, flecks and arrowheads. Columella enamel-white, glossy, with a few weak rugae at the top inner end and rarely with 1 or 2 weak lirae near the base. Spiral lirae within the inside of the outer lip usually very weak. Parietal wall slightly flattened due to an axial swelling to its left. This is followed by 2 or 3 small, rounded axial swellings on the shoulder, and then on the dorsum by a rather pronounced rounded knob. Base of shell with about a dozen spiral incised lines. Periostracum moderately thin, translucent yellow-brown, somewhat rough, and flaking off when dry. Operculum stromboid, about one fourth the length of the shell, and with 7 serrations. Radula 5 mm. and with 27 rows of teeth. Formula: 3-1-3; 1-2 (plus peg) (also 1-3 (plus peg)); 1; 3 to 5. Animal and verge similar to that of *vittatus vittatus*.

Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
68.4	30.4	9+	(Sandy Cape, Qld.)
50.3	24.0	8+	(Bowen, Queensland)
32.2	15.5	10	(Western Australia)

Synonymy—

1834 *Strombus campbellii* "Gray" Griffith and Pidgeon, The Animal Kingdom—Cuvier, London, vol. 12, p. 600, pl. 25, fig. 6 (no locality); 1842, Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, pl. 6, figs. 22, 23; 1908, Hedley, Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales, vol. 33, pt. 3, p. 460.

1886 *Alaba (Styliferina) sulcata* Watson, Voyage of the Challenger, Zoology, vol. 15, p. 570, pl. 42, fig. 7 (Cape York, Queensland); 1905, Hedley, Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales, pt. 4, p. 523.

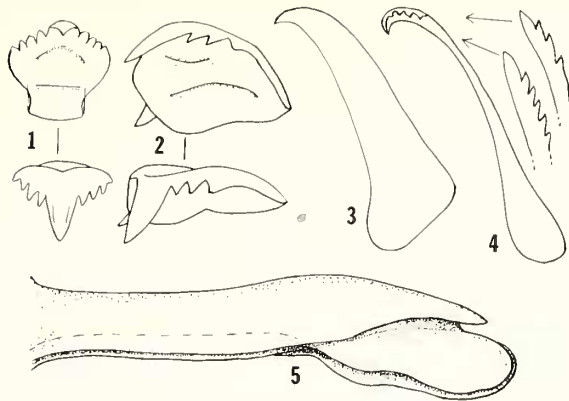


Plate 90. *Strombus vittatus campbelli* Griffith and Pidgeon, Broome, Western Australia. Figs. 1-4, radulae. 5, verge.

*Types*—The type of Griffith and Pidgeon appears to be lost. No locality was given. The drawing of the type (Pl. 24, fig. 6, *supra cit.*) is a low-spined, well-pigmented specimen such as we have seen from Bowen, Queensland, Australia.

*Nomenclature*—Gray is usually not considered to be the author of Griffith and Pidgeon's "The Animal Kingdom", and since no adequate descriptions accompany the explanation to the plates the latter two gentlemen are considered the authors of *campbelli*.

*Records* (see map, pl. 87) (all Australia)—WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Eighty Mile Beach; Cape Bossut; La Grange Bay (all H. L. Clark, MCZ); Ridall's Beach and Black Ledge and sand flat, 2½ miles south of Broome (all V. Orr, ANSP); Cape Leveque (H. L. Clark, MCZ); Augustus Id. (B. Bardwell, ANSP). NORTHERN TERRITORY: East Point, near Darwin (H. L. Clark, ANSP); Van Dieman's Gulf (Calvert's coll'n., ANSP); Yirrkala, Arnhem Land (USNM); Gulf of Carpentaria (ex Roth, Hedley, 1908, p. 460). QUEENSLAND: off Cape York, 3-12 fms., coral mud (R. B. Watson, "Challenger", 1886, p. 418); between Hammond and Wednesday Ids. (Melvill and Standen, 1899, p. 165); Bedford Beach, Cooktown (MCZ); Cairns (MCZ); Dunk Id. (H. A. Pilsbry, ANSP); Magnetic Id., off Townsville (MCZ); Queens Beach, Bowen (P. Coleman, ANSP); Keppel Id. (Tony Marsh, ANSP); Bustard Head (ANSP); Moreton Bay (B. R. Bales, ANSP). NEW SOUTH WALES: Port Stephens (fide Angas, 1877, p. 185). [We have specimens from the Solomon Islands, but feel that the locality data is erroneous.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus triangulatus* Martin, 1879

*Range*—Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia.

*Remarks*—This species is allied to the Recent *S. vittatus* Linné. I. van der Vlerk (1931, vol. 5, p. 291) considered this species to be one of the guide fossils for the Miocene of the East Indies, although I believe some Pliocene species could be confused

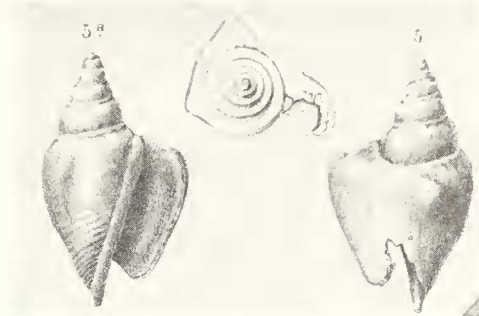


Plate 91. *Strombus triangulatus* Martin. Upper Miocene of Java, Indonesia. Type. (from K. Martin, 1879, pl. 9, figs. 5, 5a). Natural size.

with it. Martin's 1899 figs. 431, 431a are immature and may be the young of *varinginensis* Martin.

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1879 *Strombus triangulatus* K. Martin, Die Tertiärschichten auf Java, Leiden, vol. 5, p. 49, pl. 9, fig. 5 (Java); 1899, *ibid.*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 1, p. 186, pl. 30, figs. 431, 431a (Java).

### *Strombus listeri* T. Gray, 1852

(Pl. 92)

*Range*—Known only from the Bay of Bengal from Ceylon to Burma.

*Remarks*—I am provisionally treating *listeri* as a good species, although it is possible that it is merely a large, gerontic form of *vittatus*. The peculiarly misshapen siphonal canal suggests the latter. To date, we know of only three adult specimens—the holotype in the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow which probably is the shell figured by Lister in 1685 on plate 855, fig. 12a. Its length is 4¾ inches. Sowerby's holotype is a fresh specimen and is 5¾ inches in length. Langdon (1874, Quart. Jour. Conch., London, vol. 1, p. 74) reports another specimen from Ceylon. The color of the shell is similar to that of *vittatus*—light-brown and whitish overlaid with dark-chestnut axial stripes. There is no spiral incised line below the suture as in most specimens of *vittatus*. E. A. Smith (1904, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., ser. 7, vol. 13, p. 469) states that the Steamer "Investigator" obtained two young specimens in the Gulf of Martaban, Burma, in 67 fathoms. If a good species, it is one of the rarest and most desirable of the world's *Strombus*.

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1852 *Strombus listeri* T. Gray, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., series 2, vol. 10, p. 429 (no locality).  
1870 *Strombus mirabilis* Sowerby, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1870, p. 257, pl. 21, fig. 4 (Ceylon).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

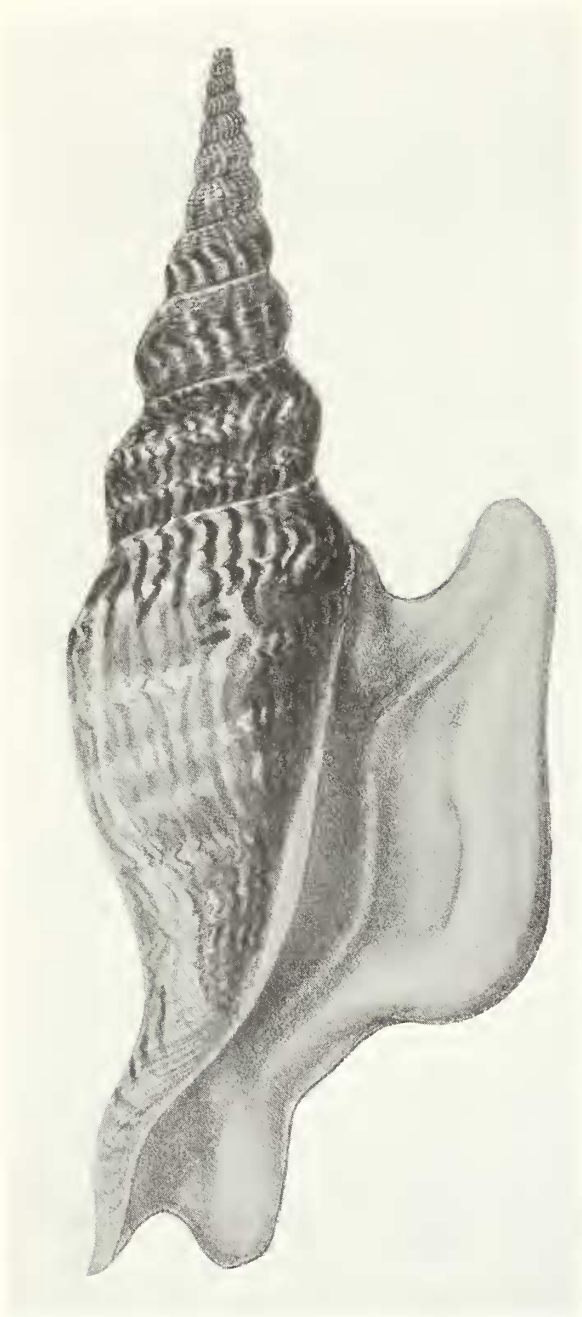


Plate 92. *Strombus listeri* T. Gray. Ceylon. (holotype of *Strombus mirabilis* Sowerby, 1870, pl. 21, fig. 4). Natural size.

[These occasional blank areas occur between genera and subgenera to permit the insertion of new material and future sections in their proper systematic sequence.]

### Subgenus *Lentigo* Jousseaume, 1886

Type: *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné, 1758

This appears to have been a fairly wide-spread and old group which first occurred in the Lower Miocene of Indonesia (*Strombus proccnpatius* Finlay) and the Miocene of Florida (*Strombus aldrichi* Dall). Today, the living remnants are widely separated geographically and conchologically. In the Indo-Pacific are *lentiginosus* Linné and *pipus* Röding. In the tropical Eastern Pacific is *grannatus* Swainson, 1822. A probable member of the subgenus, *Strombus latus* Gmelin, 1791 (formerly *bubonius* Lamarck), occurs alone in West Africa. *Strombus fasciatus* Born, a rather aberrant form, is limited to the Red Sea area.

The shells are moderately large, somewhat quadrate in shape, and have three or four spiral rows of knobs on the last whorl. The upper row bears large, somewhat equal-sized, blunt spines. The penis in *lentiginosus* and *pipus* has an auxiliary prong, and there is no basal peg on the marginal radular tooth. The operculum is weakly serrated.

#### Synonymy—

1886 *Lentigo* Jousseaume, Le Naturaliste, Paris, 1st series, vol. 3, 8th year, no. 28, p. 220. Type by monotypy: *L. lentiginosus* Linné. [*Lentigo* "Klein" Morch, 1868, Malak. Blatt., vol. 15, p. 21 is a nude name.]

### *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 17, figs. 11, 12; pl. 94, fig. 4)

Range—East Africa to the Marshall and Tuamotu Islands.

Remarks—This is a rather widely distributed, shallow-water and coral-water species which is remarkably constant in its sculpture, coloration and size. It is characterized by the cream and light orange aperture which is frequently overlaid by a silvery or aluminum-like glaze, by the 4 or 5 squarish blunt knobs on the shoulder of the body whorl, and by the peculiar, angular lobe at the base of the columella. This species is most likely to be confused with *S. pipus* (Röding). The latter has a purple-brown aperture bearing fine spiral lirae, and its parietal wall has a peculiar "feathery" zig-zag pattern of soft browns.

*S. lentiginosus* is common wherever it has established itself. In Polynesia it occurs in relatively few areas but is moderately common when found.

*Habitat*—This species occurs in moderate to large numbers from low tide mark to a depth of about 12 feet, usually on a coral sand bottom which may be rocky and with weeds. They occur on barrier, fringing or lagoon reefs, and usually where the water is relatively clear. The outer shell surface may bear green algae, bryozoans, Vermetid and Hipponicid gastropods (*Sabia conica* (Schumacher)).

*Description*—Shell 55 to 104 mm. (2 to 4 inches) in length, solid, heavy, nodulose, with a pinkish cream aperture and glossy parietal wall. Color of outer shell whitish with heavy specklings and mottlings of greenish gray to grayish brown. Parietal wall cream with gray and brown, irregular mottlings over which is laid a clear to translucent, shiny glaze. The glaze sometimes extends up on to the spire as far as the apex. Interior of aperture smooth, and flushed with light orangish rose. Outer lip tan with 5 to 6 indistinct light-brown bars. Columella smooth and white within, and swollen and projecting near the lower end. Outer lip wavy, the up-



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Plate 93. Fig. 1. Living animal of *Strombus pipus* (Röding), female. Fig. 2, *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné, male. (both from Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, pl. 50).

per end with 2 or 3 tongue-like projections. Stromboid notch deep and somewhat W-shaped. Whorls 9 to 10. Nuclear whorls unknown, but appear to be 2 or 3. Postnuclear whorls with 12 to 14 spiral threads, increasing to small cords in later whorls. Suture minutely indented and wavy. Early whorls with numerous fine axial riblets becoming nodulated in later whorls at the shoulder. Last whorl with 7 to 9 large, squarish knobs at the shoulder. Below this are 3, 4 or 5 spiral rows of small rounded knobs. In front of most of these knobs is a chestnut-brown spot. The upper 4 whorls in the spire bear 9 to 12 small, rounded, whitish former varices, sometimes lined up one below the other. Siphonal canal short, thick-walled and twisted to the right and slightly upward. Periostacum very thin, translucent-tan, and flaky when dry. Operculum stromboid, blackish brown, strongly arched, with 2 or 3 worn, indistinct or smoothish serrations, and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the shell.

Radula ribbon strong, wine-red to amber, 7 to 8 mm. in length, and with about 45 to 47 rows of teeth. Lateral without a peg. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-3; 6; 7. One Palau specimen with marginal formula of 5; 5 and 6; 6. Verge 24 to 28 mm., with a strong thumb-like appendage on the distal blade. Posterior mantle filament proportionately short (3 to 4 mm.).

Quoy and Gaimard (1833, Atlas of the Voyage de l'Astrolabe, pl. 50) depict the living animal as being mottled with green, with a yellow margined mantle edge, and the yellow eye being bordered with red ring.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
105.0	67.0	8+	(large; "East Indies")
73.0	48.2	9+	(average; Schouten Islands)
54.5	37.0	8+	(small; Palau Islands)

#### Synonymy—

- 1758 *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné, Systema Naturae, ed. 10, p. 743, no. 427 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1208, no. 495; 1956, Dodge, Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. 111, art. 3, p. 253-254; 1842, Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, Strombus, pl. 8, fig. 79; 1843, Kiener, Coq. Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 18, fig. 1.
- 1798 *Lambis rana* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 63, no. 802. Substitute name for *lentiginosus* L.
- 1834 *Strombus rana* Oken, Isis, Leipzig, vol. 27, pt. 4, pl. 6, fig. 3; 1836, loc. cit., vol. 29, pt. 1, p. 43. Refers to Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, Voy. Astrolabe, pl. 50, figs. 3-5.

*Types*—According to Dodge (1956, p. 254) the type of *lentiginosus* is in the Linnaean collection in the Linnaean Society of London. Linné's local-

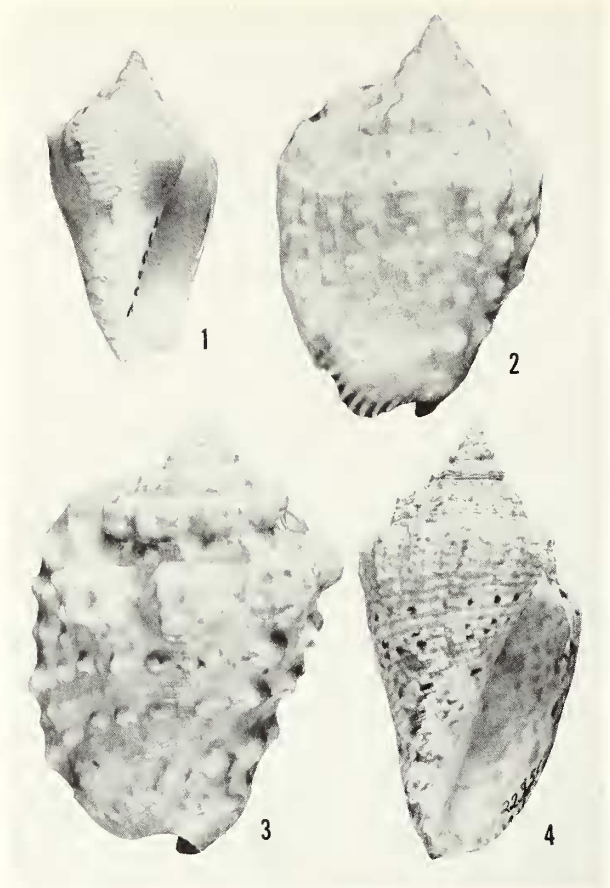


Plate 94. Figs. 1-3, immature and adults of *Strombus pipus* (Röding), Mindanao Id., Philippines. 4, immature *S. lentiginosus* Linné, Philippines. All natural size.

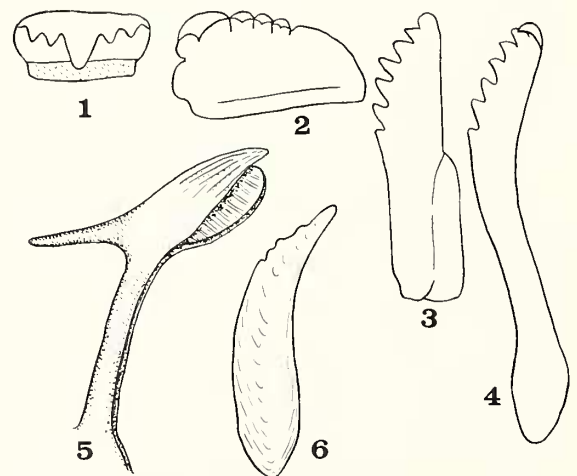
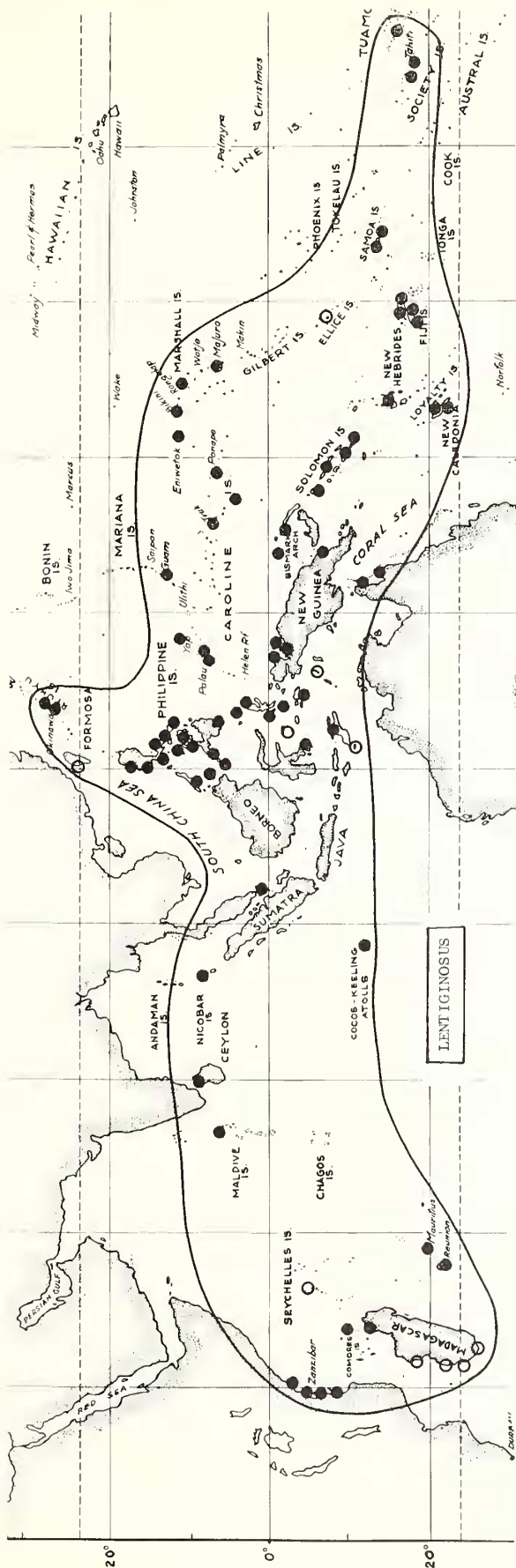


Plate 95. *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné, Palau Islands. Figs. 1-4, radulae. 5, verge. 6, operculum.



ity was "O. Asiae" which we further restrict to Amboina, Indonesia.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 96; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—TANGANYIKA: Inner Sinda Id. (R. T. Abbott, USNM). KENYA: Diani Beach and Mombasa (R. T. Abbott, MCZ). ZANZIBAR: Common around the island (NSF). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé; Nossi Andrano; Tulcar; Saradrana; Sainte Marie (all Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 467). MALDIVES: north Malé Atoll (Yale Seychelles Exped., Peabody Mus.). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Hoko (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). INDONESIA: Obi Major; Nusa Laut; Taam; Rotti; Kur Id. (all Schepman, 1909, p. 147). ELLICE ISLANDS: Funafuti (Hedley, 1899, p. 428). CAROLINES: Yap; Eawujlik; Ifalik (all USNM). MARSHALLS: Eniwetok; Bikini; Rongelap; Rongerik (all USNM). SOCIETY ISLANDS: Outer reef, Moorea Id. (H. A. Rehder, USNM). Ative, Punaavia. Tahiti Id. (R. Robertson, ANSP). TUAMOTUS: (Dautzenberg and Bouge, 1933, p. 299).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

***Strombus pipus* (Röding, 1798)**

(Pl. 17, figs. 9, 10; pl. 94, figs. 1-3)

*Range*—East Africa to the Society Islands.

*Remarks*—This attractive, purple-mouthed *Strombus* is rather uncommon, although it has a range as wide as that of its abundant relative, *S. lentiginosus*. In some areas, it is considered a rarity although this may be due to the fact that it lives well off shore. Our records show two areas where it is not uncommon—the western portion of the Indian Ocean and the Philippines. It has not been recorded, as yet, from Micronesia or Hawaii.

*S. pipus* is characterized by the purple-brown aperture which has a series of fine spiral lirae along the inside of the outer lip, and by the "feathery" mosaic of soft-brown maculations on the glossy parietal wall. The shell is smaller than most *lentiginosus*, and the shoulder knobs on the body whorl vary from 8 or 9 large to 15 very small ones. Intergrades exist in the same colony, and there is no correlation between darkness of aperture and degree of sculpturing. The parietal glaze does not extend up on to the apex, as in *lentiginosus*. The young of *pipus* have a large brown spot on the upper third of the columella, a feature absent in *lentiginosus*.

*Habitat*—Lives on bottom of coral sand and algae from 8 to 39 fathoms.

*Description*—Shell 38 to 70 mm. (1½ to 2¾ inches) in length, solid, roughly sculptured, roundly quad-

Plate 96. Geographical distribution of *Strombus lentiginosus* Linné.

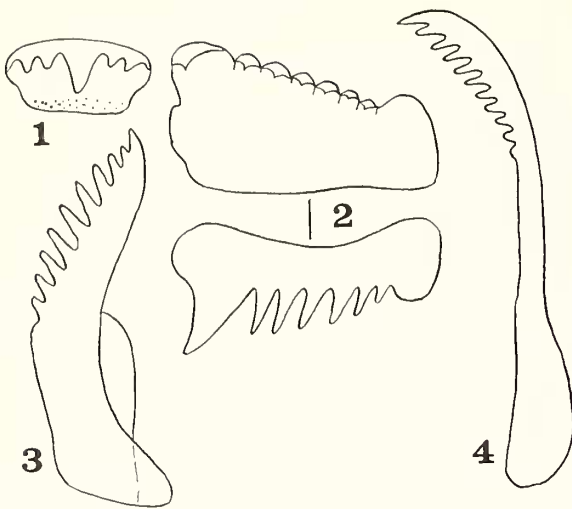


Plate 97. Radula of *Strombus pipus* (Röding). 1, central. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal.

rate, and with a rugose, purplish-black aperture. Color of outer shell white with light or heavy, diffused light-brown mottlings and numerous, very fine axial lines of brown which give a "feathery" mosaic appearance. Whorls 10 to 11. Nuclear whorls  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , whitish, smooth, and glossy. First 2 or 3 postnuclear whorls with numerous, small, but strong, smoothish axial riblets (about 24 per whorl) between which are about 10 spiral threads. The latter cross the surface of the riblets after the third whorl. Penultimate whorl with 8 to 14 small knobs. Shoulder of body whorl with 8 or 9 rather large squarish, axially pinched knobs or with 9 to 15 small rounded knobs. Below these are 3 or 4 spiral rows of much smaller, rounded knobs or swollen beads. Apex with 8 to 12 whitish, swollen former varices, the last 2 or 3 sometimes being quite broad and low. Parietal wall glazed with the shell color showing through. Columella thick and with a cream, smooth glaze over the lower two thirds.

Upper portion tainted with brown or purplish. Deep interior of aperture whitish lavender becoming dark purple-brown or purple-black and spirally rugose towards the thickened outer lip. Top of outer lip extends slightly upward and with a broad sulcus which has 2 small white, rounded projections. Central portion of lip edge cream with 5 to 6 pairs of brown bands. Stromboid notch U-shaped and sometimes with 3 to 5 small white teeth at the edge. Base of outer lip projecting and with 3 to 5 small white teeth. Interior of siphonal canal purplish brown. Periostracum thin, microscopically striate, translucent-tan. Operculum stromboid, light-brown, rather narrow, arching with about 7 very poorly developed (or badly worn) serrations, and with a strong narrow rib on the attachment side.

Radula ribbon 7 mm. in length, its denticles long. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-5 or 1-6; 9 or 10; 10 or 11. Posterior mantle filament very short.

Quoy and Gaimard (1833, Atlas of the Voyage de l'Astrolabe, pl. 50, fig. 1,2) depict the living animal as being delicately mottled and flecked with light-brown, and with the yellow mantle edge having large spots of brown. The eye rings of white, black, bluish and red. See our plate 11, p. 33.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
70.0	42.5	9+	(large; Mauritius)
38.0	28.0	8+	(small; Philippines)
57.5	36.5	10	(average; Zamboanga)

#### Synonymy—

1798 *Lambis pipa* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 63 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 825, 826.

1817 *Strombus papilio* "Chemnitz" Dillwyn, Deser. Cat. Recent Shells, London, vol. 2, p. 661 (East Indian Seas). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1510, 1511; 1818, Wood, Index Test., London, p. 116 (East Indies); 1843, Kiener, Coq. Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 17, figs. 1, 2.

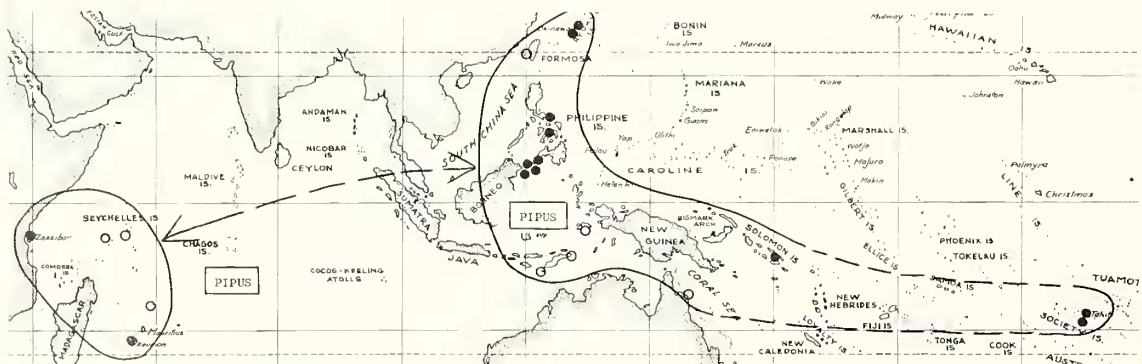


Plate 98. Geographical distribution of *Strombus pipus* (Röding), showing the discontinuity of its range.



1822 *Strombus exustus* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, London, series 1, vol. 3, pl. 134 (Haynam Id., East Indies); Berge, Conchylienbueh, Stuttgart, p. 231, pl. 38, fig. 4.

1851 *Strombus adustus* "Swainson" Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 13, sp. 29. Non Gray, 1826.

*Type*—Röding's *pipus* is based upon figures 825 and 826 of volume 3 of the Conchylien-Cabinet which, in turn, are based upon a specimen in Bolten's collection, according to Martini. That specimen is the type, but is probably lost. We restrict the type locality to Jolo Id., southern Philippines. Swainson's type of *exustus* may be at Cambridge University, England.

*Nomenclature*—The more familiar name of *papilio* Dillwyn, 1817, has already been replaced by many recent authors with Röding's earlier *pipus*. *S. exustus* Swainson is a synonym based upon a color form, and *adustus* Reeve was a misquote of Swainson's *exustus*.

*Records* (see map, pl. 98)—ZANZIBAR: 1½ mi. W.S.W. of Ras Mungwe, 8 fms. (NSF, 1957). INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Cargador Carajor, 30 fms.; Amirantes, 30-39 fms.; Praslin Id., Seychelles, 34 fms. (all Melvill, "Sealark", 1909, p. 92). MAURITIUS (ANSP). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Okinawa Id. (A. A. Scott and A. R. Cahn, ANSP). TAIWAN: Taihokusyū (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: Gubat, Sorsogon Prov., Luzon Id. (duPont-Academy Exped., 1958); Cebu City and Olango Id., Cebu Id. (A. B. Franeo, ANSP); Jolo Id., and Siasi Id., Sulu Archipelago (MCZ); off Simonar Id., 28 fms.; off Lapae Id., Tapul Id., 10 fms., Albatross Sta. 5149 (both USNM). INDONESIA: Banda, Timor and Rotti Ids., 9-45 meters (Schepman, 1909, p. 147). AUSTRALIA: Green Id., Queensland (Tony Marsh, in litt.). SOLOMONS: Florida Id. (USNM). SOCIETY ISLANDS: Punaaru, Punaauia, Tahiti (R. Robertson, 1952, ANSP); Mataiea, Tahiti (J. Jaquenin, USNM).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

### *Strombus fasciatus* Born, 1778

(Pl. 14, figs. 16, 17)

*Range*—Limited to the Red Sea.

*Remarks*—This is one of the most distinctive and most restricted in its range of all the Indo-Pacific *Strombus*. It has no close living relatives, although it shows some features of *decoratus* Röding. It is moderately common wherever it lives. The shell is readily recognized by its somewhat conic shape, by its large, somewhat evenly-sized shoulder spines, by the orange-yellow aperture and by the 5 to 7 broken, narrow, spiral bands of black-brown on the body whorl.

*Habitat*—It is presumably moderately common in shallow water in sand or muddy areas.

*Description*—Shell 32 to 50 (1¼ to 2 inches) in length, solid, somewhat conic, spined at the angular shoulder, with a yellow-orange aperture, and the body whorl with 5 to 7 broken, narrow, black-

brown bands. Whorls 9. Nuclear whorls 3(?), glossy translucent whitish. Postnuclear whorls pinkish or whitish, slightly rounded, may have 3 to 5 small, whitish former varices, and may or may not have a single, spiral incised line below the suture. Knobs develop on the penultimate whorl, and become 8 to 12 smooth, pyramidal spines on the angular shoulder of the last whorl. Central part of last whorl may have 1 or 2 low, rounded, broad spiral cords. Columella straight, weakly calloused, smoothish, except for microscopic spiral striae near the edge in some specimens. Columella whitish to translucent-yellow. Inner aperture smooth, glossy, flushed with yellow-orange. Siphonal canal very short. Stromboid notch U-shaped. Outer shell cream with fine, light-brown flecks over which are 5 to 8 broken, black-brown, narrow, spiral color bands. Periostracum thin, smoothish and translucent-tan. Operculum, radula soft parts not observed.

#### *Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
50.0	26.0	9	(large; Red Sea)
42.1	24.0	9	(average; Red Sea)
32.1	19.1	7+	(small; Red Sea)

#### *Synonymy*—

- 1778 *Strombus fasciatus* Born, Index Rerum Natur. Mus. Caesarei Vindobonensis, p. 274 (no locality); refers to Chemnitz Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 800-802. Non Cmelin 1791, non Röding 1798.
- 1788 *Strombus subalata* Herbst, Natur. Abbild. der merkwl. Würmer, Berlin, vol. 9, p. 204, no. 15, pl. 48, fig. 3 (Red Sea).
- 1798 *Lambis elegantissima* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 61, no. 773; 1807, Link, Beschr. Natur.-Samml. Univ. Rostock, pt. 2, p. 108 (no locality).
- 1817 *Strombus polyfasciatus* Dillwyn, Descriptive Cat. Recent Shells, vol. 2, p. 662 (Red Sea).
- 1822 *Strombus lineatus* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 211, no. 29 (Océan indien?). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 800-802; 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 30, figs. 1, 1a.
- 1828 *Strombus lineolatus* Wood, Index Testaceol., Suppl., p. 13, pl. 24, fig. 11 (no locality).
- 1844 *Strombus subulatus* Herbst, Dueros, Illustr. Conchyl., vol. 2, p. 7.
- 1885 *Strombus flavigula* Meusehen, Tryon, Manual Conch., Phila., vol. 7, p. 120.

*Types*—Born's type is probably in the museum at Vienna. No locality was given, and we hereby designate the Red Sea as the type locality.

*Records*—RED SEA: Port Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (ANSP); Jobal Straits, Egypt (ANSP); Massaua, Eritrea (ANSP); Aqaba, Gulf of Suez (A. Hadar); Jidda Harbor, Saudi Arabia (USNM); Sharm Ubhar, and Genaba Bay, Farasan Kebir, Saudi Arabia (both USNM); 10 km. north of Jidda, Saudi Arabia (C. Ashakson, ANSP).

*Fossil records*—Port Sudan, raised coral reef, Pleistocene (Hall and Standen, 1907, p. 67). EGYPT: Pleistocene; beach, 50 ft. alt., Gamsah; beach, 80 ft. alt., Wadi Gueh, west of Kosseir (both R. B. Newton, 1900, p. 508).

***Strombus latus* Gmelin, 1791**

(Pl. 99, figs. 1 and 2)

*Range*—West coast of Africa from Spanish West Africa to Angola, including the Cape Verde Islands.

*Remarks*—This is not an Indo-Pacific species, but is included here, since it is the only living *Strombus* in the Eastern Atlantic. It is recognized by its somewhat quadrate shape, rather evenly-sized knobs on the shoulder, the peculiar, raised spiral cord or

ridge running back from the stromboid notch, and by its light-brown, white-flecked and rose-striped exterior. The periostracum is usually heavy and brownish. In general shape and coloration, it stands midway between *lentiginosus* of the Indo-Pacific and *granulatus* of the Panamic Pacific Province.

Unfortunately, there have been four earlier names applied to this shell which, until Dodge's 1956 revision, had been known as *bubonius* Lamarck. Duclos employed the name *latus* Gmelin in 1844 in his monograph.

*Description*—Adult shell 90 to 156 mm. in length, solid, moderately heavy, somewhat quadrate in shape, well-spined, and maculated with orange-brown, rose and white. Whorls 10. Nuclear whorls not seen. Spire slightly convex, the early whorls somewhat distorted by 2 to 5 rather broad former varices. Spiral sculpture of 8 to 12 fine cords which disappear in the last two whorls. Suture well-indented, wavy because it half-covers the numerous, evenly-sized, rounded knobs in the whorls. 8 to 10 rounded knobs on the shoulder of each whorl. In the last whorl, the last three knobs are the largest. Below these, and midway on the whorl, is a second spiral row of much smaller, rounded knobs. Near the base of the shell, and in line with the stromboid notch is a single, raised, strong cord or ridge. Outer lip slightly expanded, its edge reflected, smooth, glossy and with 3 or 4 broad bands of light-brown. Columella and parietal wall smooth, glossy, creamish tan. Interior of aperture white. Stromboid notch deep. Base of columella constricted. Periostracum moderately thick, light-brown, and flakes off when dry. Operculum and soft parts unknown.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
156.0	102.0	10 +	(large; West Africa)
106.0	68.0	10 +	(average; Cape Verde Ids.)
88.0	51.0	10 +	(small; West Africa)

*Types*—The whereabouts of the types is unknown. We hereby designate Sierra Leone, West Africa, as the type locality.

*Synonymy—*

- 1791 *Strombus latus* Gmelin, Systema Naturae, ed. 13, p. 3520 (no locality). Refers to Seba, pl. 63, figs. 4, 5; 1956, Dodge, Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., vol. 111, art. 3, p. 272, footnote 1.
- 1791 *Strombus fasciatus* Gmelin, Systema Naturae, ed. 13, p. 3510, no. 9 (in Africa); refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 833-834. Non Born 1778.
- 1795 *Strombus auratus* Spalowsky, Prodromus Systema Historicum Testaceorum, Vienna, pp. 43-44, pl. 6, fig. 9 (as *Strombus*) (India orientalis?).



Plate 99. Figs. 1 and 2. *Strombus latus* Gmelin (formerly *bubonius* Lamarck), Tropical West Africa. Both natural size.



Plate 100. *Strombus (Lentigo) preoccupatus* Finlay. A series of Lower Miocene specimens from Mangkalihat, East

Borneo, Indonesia. (from Beets, 1941, pl. 3, figs. 123-144). Natural size.

- 1798 *Lambis carnea* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 63, no. 808 (no locality); refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 833-834.
- 1798 *Lambis carnaria* Röding, *loc. cit.*, p. 64, no. 809 (refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 893, a young specimen).
- 1807 *Lambis fasciatus* Gmelin, Link, Beschr. Natur.-Samml. Univ. Rostock, pt. 2, p. 109.
- 1822 *Strombus bubonius* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 203 (Antilles [erroneous]); 1950, Nicklès, Manuel Oest-Africain, vol. 2, p. 76, fig. 106.
- 1822 *Strombus dilatatus* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 203, no. 8 (no locality). Refers to Seba, vol. 3, pl. 63, figs. 4 and 5 [which might also be a smooth *S. costatus* Gmelin]; Kiener, 1843, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 5. Non Swainson 1821.
- 1827 *Strombus adansonii* DeFrance, in Blainville's Dict. Sci. Nat., vol. 51, p. 115. Refers to Adanson, 1757, pl. 9, fig. 30 (L'île Gorée).
- 1833 *Strombus bubo* Lamarck, Deshayes, in Exped. Scientif. de Moree, Mollusques, vol. 3, pt. 1, p. 192. Non Röding, 1798.
- 1844 *Strombus latus* Gmelin, DuRoi, in Chenu, Illust. Conchyl., vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 13, figs. 5-7.

**Records**—SPANISH WEST AFRICA: Rio de Oro (M. Nicklès, 1950, p. 77). CAPE VERDE ISLANDS: (ANSP, MCZ). SIERRA LEONE: Turtle Island, off Sherbro Islands; off Freetown (both MCZ). SPANISH GUINEA: Adjé, 20 miles south of Benito; Coriseo Island (both MCZ). Principe Island (MCZ). San Thomé Island (Hoyle, 1887, p. 340 and MCZ). ANGOLA: (M. Nicklès, 1950, p. 77).

### *Strombus preoccupatus* Finlay, 1927

**Range**—Lower and Upper Miocene of Java and Borneo, Indonesia.

**Remarks**—Beets (1941, p. 67, pl. 3) has given an excellent series of figures of this interesting species which has no Recent counterpart in the Indo-Pacific. *S. fasciatus* (Red Sea) may belong to this stock. The Recent *S. granulatus* Swainson from the tropical Eastern Pacific is extremely similar to *preoccupatus*. *Strombus nodosus* (Borson, 1820) from the Italian Tertiary belongs to the same group.

### **Synonymy**—

- 1881 *Strombus spinosus* K. Martin, Samml. geol. Reichsmus., Leiden, 1st ser., vol. 1, p. 122, pl. 7, figs. 3, 4 (Podjok; Djokdjokarta; and Wirosari, Java; non Linné, 1767, p. 1212; 1899, K. Martin, *loc. cit.*, part 45, p. 176, pl. 28, figs. 408-409; 1921, *loc. cit.*, n. Folge, vol. 1, pt. 2, p. 468, pl. 59, fig. 56 (Tji Talahab and Tji Angsana, Java).
- 1927 *Strombus preoccupatus* Finlay, Trans. and Proc. New Zealand Inst., vol. 57, p. 502 (new name for *spinus* Martin, non Linné); 1941, Beets, Overdruk Verhand. Geolog. Mijnbouwk. Genoot. Nederl. Kolonien, Geol. series, vol. 13, p. 67, pl. 3, figs. 123-144 (East Borneo).

*[These occasional blank areas occur between genera and subgenera to permit the insertion of new material and future sections in their proper systematic sequence.]*

**Subgenus Euprotomus Gill, 1870**

Type: *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné, 1758

This group is limited to the Indo-Pacific, one species extending from Melanesia to East Africa, the other five mainly centered in the Western Pacific. The fossil record goes back only to the Pliocene of the Western Pacific. The shells are medium-sized for the genus and are characterized by a high spire, a high prong-like extension of the posterior end of the outer lip, and a smooth columella. The inside of the outer lip may be smooth or with strong, spiral lirae. The penis is "keeled", that is bearing an accessory projection of the distal blade. The tentacles are usually short and located quite near the end of the eye peduncle. The marginal radular teeth are very broad and bear 4 to 6 large, triangular denticles. There is no basal peg on the lateral tooth. The operculum bears 6 to 8 small serrations.

*Synonymy*—

1847 *Monodactylus* "Klein" Hermannsen, *Indices Generum Malacozoorum Primordia*, vol. 2, p. 53 [invalid]; 1852, "Klein" Mörch, *Cat. Conchyl. de Yoldi*, p. 62; 1854, "Klein" H. and A. Adams, *The Genera of Recent Mollusca*, vol. 1, p. 259; 1868, H. and A. Adams, Gabb, *American Journal of Conchology*, vol. 4, pt. 3, p. 138. Type by subsequent designation: *Strombus adustus* = *aurisdianae aratrum* Röding, 1798; 1884, "Klein" P. Fischer, *Manuel de Conchyliologie*, Paris, pt. 7, p. 670. Type by subsequent designation: *Strombus pacificus* Swainson = *vomer* Röding, 1798; 1904, "Klein" Cossmann, *Essai de Paléoconch. Comparée*, Paris, 6th book, p. 7. Type by subsequent designation: *Strombus gallus* Linné [invalid]. Non *Monodactylus* Lacépède, 1800.

1870 *Euprotomus* Gill, *American Journal of Conchology*, vol. 5, pt. 3, p. 131, footnote. Type by monotypy: *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné.

***Strombus aurisdianae subspecies aurisdianae* Linné, 1758**

(Pl. 14, figs. 3, 4; pl. 101, figs. 1-4)

*Range*—Central East Africa to the Solomon Islands, and the Ryukyu Islands south to Queensland, Australia.

*Remarks*—This is a well-known and moderately common shallow-water species. In some areas in the Philippines it is abundant. Some confusion has existed concerning its close relatives and various forms. Its nomenclatorial history in relation to the synonym, *lamarecki* Sowerby, 1842, is discussed below. We consider *bulla* (Röding) to be a separate

species, but *aratrum* (Röding) from northern Australia to be a subspecies. Below is a synopsis of the characters of these three taxa:

*S. aurisdianae aurisdianae*—exterior rough and with a dull finish; interior of aperture usually pinkish and with 8 to 12 fine lirae on the upper part of the outer lip; spire glazed over on the ventral side of 3 or 4 whorls above; without brown splotches in the glazed portions; siphonal canal reflected about 90 degrees.

*S. aurisdianae aratrum*—exterior rough and with a dull finish; interior of aperture brownish orange to salmon and with 5 to 9 fine lirae on the upper part of the outer lip; spire glazed over only on the ventral side of 1 or 2 whorls above; with brown splotches in the glazed portions; siphonal canal reflected about 75 degrees.

*S. bulla*—exterior smoothish (except for single row

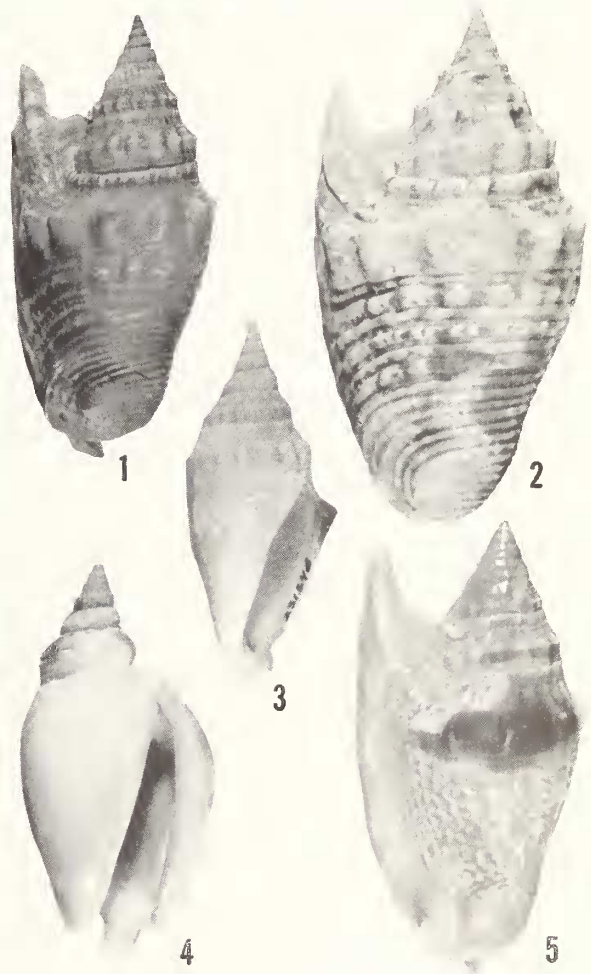


Plate 101. Figs. 1 and 2, *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné, Zanzibar. 3, immature *S. bulla* (Röding) from the Luzon Island. 4, "wingless" abnormality of *aurisdianae* from Cebu Island, Philippines. 5, *S. bulla* (Röding), brown-spotted form from Cebu Island, Philippines. All natural size.

of knobs) and with a glossy finish; interior of aperture reddish orange and with no or rarely 1 or 2 fine lirae on the upper part of the outer lip; spire usually glazed over the entire spire in adults; glaze white in color, sometimes with violet on the spire; siphonal canal reflected 85 to 95 degrees.

Typical *aurisdianae* is characterized by its rough exterior, smoothish brownish to reddish orange aperture, the single wing-like extension at the top of the outer lip, the strongly recurved siphonal canal, and by the 5 to 9 shoulder knobs on the dorsal side of the body whorls. In the Western Pacific it is fairly constant in characters, although Ryukyu Island specimens (form *chrysostomus*) may take on the cream-orange apertural coloration of the Australian subspecies, *aratrum*. However, certain Philippine and Indian Ocean specimens may also exhibit this probable dietary form. Certain Zanzibar and Seychelles specimens show a tendency towards stronger rugosity and a uniform orangish exterior. They intergrade with normal Indian Ocean *aurisdianae*, and, at best, might be considered an "incipient subspecies."

We collected an adult malformed specimen in 1958 on Olango Island, Cebu, Philippines, in which the upper part of the outer lip is rounded over and entirely lacking the posterior projection. (Pl. 101, fig. 4.)

*Habitat*—Occurs in moderate numbers in shallow water from the low tide mark to a depth of about 12 feet, either on grassy sand flats, on dead coral reefs, or on a coral sand and grass bottom.

*Description*—Shell 46 to 76 mm. (2 to 3 inches) in length, solid, rugose, with a posterior projection on the outer lip, with a strongly recurved siphonal canal and with a smoothish, glossy, cream and orange aperture. Nuclear whorls 3, glossy, translucent, rounded, and either whitish, tan or brown in color. First 3 postnuclear whorls well-rounded, neatly reticulate. Following whorls with numerous axial, knobbed ribs crossed by a dozen uneven spiral threads. There is a large, wavy cord just below the suture. Shoulder of last whorl with 5 to 9 small, short knobs (other knobs are glazed over by the parietal wall). Below are two spiral rows of very obscure nodules. Base of shell with numerous rather smooth spiral, crowded, rounded cords. Parietal glaze cream to whitish and extending up on to 3 to 5 of the whorls in the spire. Columella straight, glossy, tan or light-cream, and smooth except for indistinct lirae and wrinkles at the very top. Inner lip smooth, brownish orange to pinkish, rarely yellowish orange, bordered with a broad band of whitish to tan-cream; aperture smooth, ex-

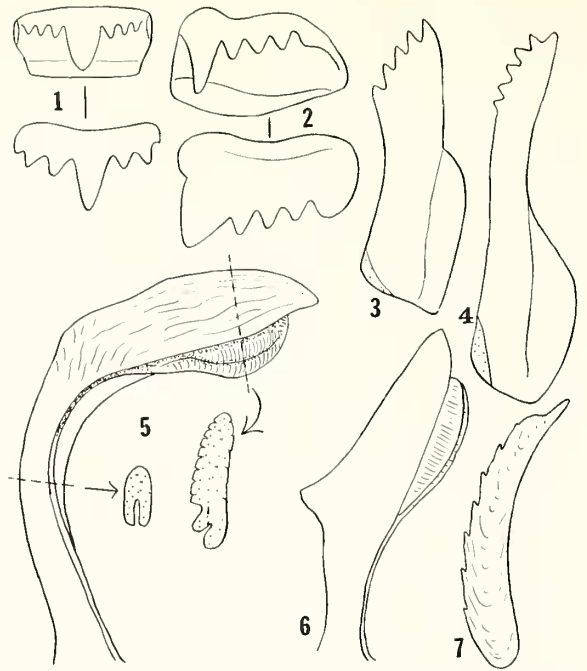


Plate 102. *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné. Figs. 1-5 from Dutch New Guinea. 1, central radular tooth. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, verge, showing cross-sections. 6 and 7, verge and operculum from Zanzibar specimen.

cept for a dozen lirae below the deep stromboid notch and 8 to 12 fine, irregular, white lirae on the floor of the posterior canal region. Outer lip moderately sharp; rounded, glazed, smooth posteriorly where there are 5 to 7 grayish brown spiral bars. Posterior projection of outer lip extending half-way to all the way back as far as the apex of the spire. It may extend straight back or curve slightly towards the apex. Siphonal canal recurved about 90 degrees and slightly twisted to the right. Periostracum very thin, translucent yellowish, flaking off when dry, and usually worn away from the shell in life. Operculum stromboid, dark-brown, strongly arched, pointed, and with 6 to 7 serrations.

Radula ribbon 6 to 8 mm. in length, with about 40 to 50 rows of teeth. Formula for New Guinea: 2-1-2; 1-3 (without peg); 4; 5. Zanzibar: 2-1-2 (also 3-1-3); 1-3 (without peg); 4 or 5; 5 or 6. Verge simple, 16 to 18 mm. in length, with a laminated pad. Posterior mantle filament 4 mm. in length.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
76.5	42.9	9+	(large; Ryukyu Islands)
61.0	34.0	9	(average; Cebu Id.)
46.5	25.7	10	(small; Negros Id.)

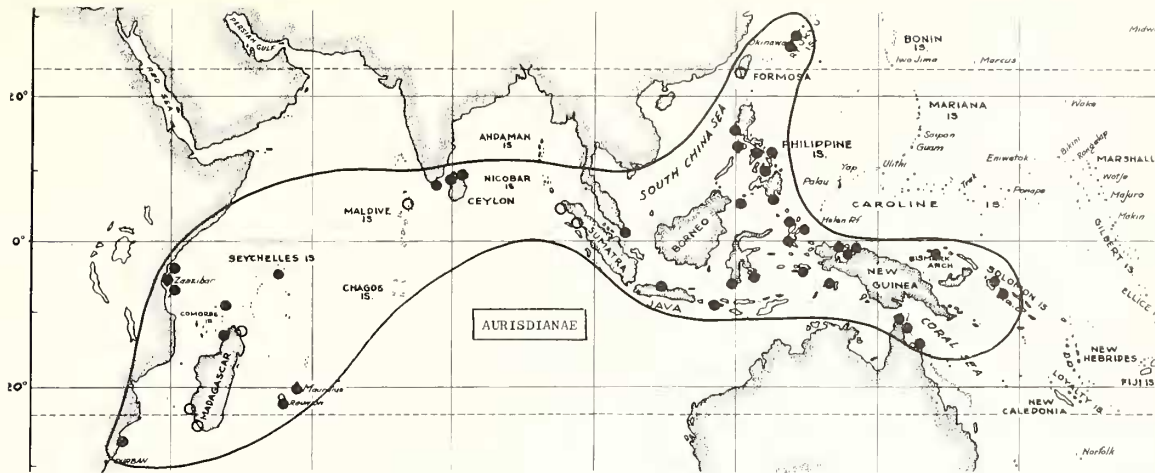


Plate 103. Geographical distribution of *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné.

### Synonymy—

- 1758 *Strombus auris-dianae* Linné, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 743, no. 429 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1209, no. 497; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 256-258.
- 1798 *Lambis stiva* Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 64, no. 815. Substitute name for *aurisdianae* L.
- 1798 *Lambis buris* Röding, *ibid.*, p. 64, no. 819.
- 1842 *Strombus lamareckii* Gray, Sowerby, *Thesaurus Conchyl.*, vol. 1, p. 35, pl. 9, figs. 98, 99. Non Gray, 1826; 1938, Adam and Leloup, *Result. Sci. Voy. Indes Orient. Neerl.*, vol. 2, fasc. 19, p. 117. Non Gray, 1826.
- 1942 *Strombus chrysostomus* Kuroda, *Venus*, vol. 12, p. 7, figs. 1 and 2 on p. 4 (Okinawa Ids.).
- 1880 *Strombus striatograuosus* "Mörch," von Martens in Möbius, *Beitr. Meeresfauna I. Mauritius Seyhell.*, Berlin, p. 277.

**Types**—Linné's types are in the Linnaean Society of London and are a mixture of two species. I hereby designate the first figure reference in Linné's 10th edition synonymy as being the "type figure" or the most representative of the species—Rumphius, pl. 37, fig. R. The original type locality was "O. Asiae". I further restrict it to Amboina, Indonesia.

**Nomenclature**—The exact identity of Linné's *aurisdianae* has been a subject of contention at various times, commencing with Hanley (1855, pp. 268-269) and continued by Dodge (1956) who gives a lengthy summary of the matter, but still confuses the problem. It is a fact that Linné had a mixture of specimens and his cited figures represented two species. The choice is between the smooth species (which we call *bullia* Röding) and the rough species referred to by authors as *lamarecki* Sowerby. I prefer to reserve the name of *aurisdianae* for the very common species which has its "dorso muricato" and is figured in Sowerby's *Thesaurus*, pl. 9, figs. 98 and 99. The name *lamarecki*

was first instituted by Gray (not Sowerby, 1842) in 1826 and applies to the smooth species (*bullia* Röding). On this basis, we disagree with Oostingh (1925, p. 54) that Sowerby 1842 was the first revisor.

**Selected records** (see accompanying map, pl. 103); solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—MOZAMBIQUE: Port Amelia (MCZ). TANGANYIKA: Mboa Magi (R. T. Abbott, USNM). MADAGASCAR: Majunga; Tulare; Sarodrano (all Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 467). Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP). Gloriosa and Providence Id. (USNM). SEYCHELLES: Cerf Id. (Yale Peabody Mus.). MALDIVES: Hulule Id. (E. A. Smith, 1903, p. 612, no. 202). CEYLON: Pearl Bank, Gulf of Manaar (G. and M. Kline, NSF, 1956). MALAYA: off Pulau Sudong, Singapore (R. D. Purchon, ANSP). SUMATRA: near Poelo Raja, and Tjalang, west Atjeh (Oostingh, 1929, no. 39, p. 2). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Shioya, Shanawan Bay, Okinawa Id. (USNM). PHILIPPINES: common on the following islands: Luzon; Samar; Cebu; Bohol; Mindoro; Negros; Catanduanes; Balabac; Mindanao; Sanga Sanga, Sulu Archipelago (all ANSP). Lubang; Marinduque; Ramblon; Panay; Camiguin (all USNM). AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Hope Id. (USNM); Danley Id., Torres Straits (MCZ); Low Isles (Tony Marsh, ANSP). SOLOMONS: Bougainville Id. (MCZ).

**Fossil records**—Altner (1942, p. 58) reports one specimen (as *lamarecki* Sowerby) from the Pliocene Upper Kalibeng layers, Java, Indonesia, but I have not seen this specimen. Records for the Ryukyu Islands are fossil specimens of *S. vomer hawaiiensis* Pilsbry. KENYA: Pliocene, Crag: South Mombasa Id., just west of Mbaraki Creek (J. Weir, *Monograph* 5, 1938, p. 68, pl. 5, fig. 2). HAWAIIAN CHAIN: Pleistocene: Oahu Island: entire fossil from Honolulu Harbor (J. M. Ostergaard, 1928, p. 27; this may be a *vomer hawaiiensis* Pilsbry).

### *Strombus aurisdianae subspecies aratrum* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 14, figs. 1, 2)

**Range**—Northeast Queensland, Australia.

**Remarks and Description**—This subspecies occurs nearer to the mainland and in muddier waters than the typical subspecies which is a coral-water form. *S. aurisdianae aratrum* is somewhat more elongate, with a less recurved siphonal canal, usually with

smaller and more numerous knobs on the shoulder of the last half of the body whorl, and with a darker more orange-brown aperture. The nuclear whorls are whitish and very similar to those of *aurisdianae*. The upper portion of the parietal wall is poorly glazed and well decorated with numerous, dark blackish brown zigzag stripes. Black-brown staining is generally present around the glossy underside of the shell. An ecologic and life history study would clarify the relationship of these two subspecies.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
90.6	42.3	10	(large; Cairns)
73.8	41.2	9 +	(average; Pilot Point)
58.8	30.6	10	(small, Bowen)

*Habitat*—Moderately common on sand in intertidal areas.

*Synonymy—*

- 1798 *Lambis aratrum* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 64, no. 820. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1487-88.
- 1816 *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné, Lamarck, Le Liste, p. 4. Encycl. Méth., pl. 409, figs. 3a, b.
- 1817 *Strombus aurisdianae* var. *adusta* "Chemnitz", Dillwyn, Deser. Cat. Recent Shells, London, vol. 2, p. 664.
- 1822 *Strombus melastomus* Swainson, Appendix to Cat. Shells of Mrs. Bligh, London, p. 8 (Pacific Ocean).
- 1823 *Strombus aurisasini* Dillwyn, Index Hist. Conchyl. Lister, London, p. 39 (no locality). Refers to Lister pl. 872, fig. 27.
- 1825 *Strombus melanostomus* Sowerby, Cat. Shells Earl of Tankerville, p. 68. Emendation of *melastomus* Swainson.
- 1826 *Strombus adusta* Gray, in King Narrative Survey—Australia, London, vol. 2, appendix, p. 490. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1487-88.
- 1835 *Strombus melanostomus* Swainson, Exotic Conchology, 2nd issue, pt. 6, pl. 47.

*Types*—Röding's species is based upon figures 1487-88, vol. 10, Conchylien-Cabinet. Chemnitz's locality of East Indies was evidently erroneous. Some old collections bear labels of Java, Mauritius and Amboina, but we believe these are manufactured locality records. We hereby designate Bowen, Queensland, Australia, as the type locality.

*Nomenclature*—As indicated by our synonymy, the name *aratrum* Röding must take precedence over *melastomus* Swainson and *melanostomus* Sowerby. The name *aratrum* Martyn 1784 (applied to the species *vomer* Röding) is non-binomial and invalid because the figures are entirely hand produced and not printed. Therefore, it does not pre-occupy Röding's 1798 name. This species is the "*adustus* Chemnitz" of early authors.

*Records*—AUSTRALIA: Queensland: Thursday Island (USNM); Cape York (MCZ); Green Island, Cairns (ANSP); Pilot Point, Brampton Reef and Sinclair Bay, all near Bowen (ANSP); Dunk Id. (USNM); Bedford Beach (USNM); Port Douglas, 50 mi. north of Cairns (MCZ and ANSP); Turtle Bay, Cape Grafton, near Cairns (MCZ); Alexandra Reef (MCZ); Bustard Head (ANSP); Whitsunday Id. (USNM).

***Strombus bulla* (Röding, 1798)**

(Pl. 14, figs. 5, 6, pl. 101, fig. 5)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands to Melanesia and Samoa.

*Remarks*—We consider *S. bulla* to be a species separate from *aurisdianae*. Their ranges overlap without signs of interbreeding in the western Pacific. To the east of the Solomons one finds only *bulla* and to the west of the East Indies one evidently only finds *aurisdianae*. *S. bulla* lives in deeper water. The two are closely related. One could hazard a guess that *bulla* originally evolved as a Central Pacific subspecies, and later, as a full species, re-invaded the territory of the parent *aurisdianae*, although the reverse could also have been possible. The key to identifying features of this glossy smooth, lavender-tipped species are listed under the remarks of *aurisdianae*.

*Habitat*—*S. bulla* occurs sparingly from just below the lowest tide line to a depth of 10 fathoms on clean sand bottoms.

*Description*—Shell 49 to 72 mm. (2 to 3 inches) in length, solid, with a smoothish, glistening surface, with a posterior projection on the outer lip, with a strongly recurved siphonal canal and with a smooth, glossy, white and rose-orange aperture. Nuclear whorls 3, glossy, translucent, rounded, and



Plate 104. Living animal of female *Strombus bulla* (Röding). (from Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, pl. 51, fig. 1).



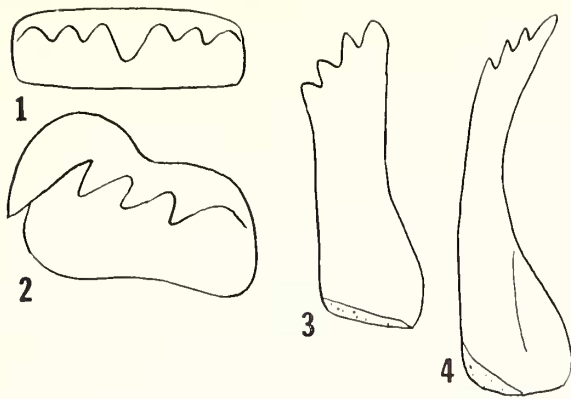


Plate 105. Radula of *Strombus bulla* (Röding), Dutch New Guinea. Fig. 1, central. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal.

either whitish, tan or purplish in color. First 3 postnuclear whorls well-rounded, and neatly reticulate. Following whorls with numerous axial, knobbed ribs crossed by about a dozen uneven spiral threads. The subsutural cord is very weak and is weakly crinkled. Shoulder of last whorl with 5 to 9 small, short, smoothish knobs (other knobs are glazed over by the parietal wall). There are no spiral rows of smaller knobs below. Base of shell with crowded, weak, spiral cords. Parietal glaze enamel-white, usually quite thick, and extending up nearly to or over the apical whorls. In some instances, the glaze may cover the entire spire. Columella straight, glossy, whitish and entirely smooth. Outer lip enamel-white, except for a lavender stain at the base. Deep interior of aperture reddish to rose-orange and smooth. Posterior projection of the outer lip extending  $\frac{3}{4}$  way back as far as the spire or rarely slightly beyond. In some specimens it leans towards the apex. Siphonal canal recurved from 85 to 95 degrees and slightly twisted to the right. Body whorl with large mottlings of light brown, and small specklings of white; rarely with mauve undertones. Some Philippine specimens may have an irregular dark chestnut-brown patch on the dorsum of the last whorl. Periostracum very thin, translucent, and usually worn away even in live specimens. Operculum stromboid. Animal tan with large white spots. Verge with a "heel" on the distal blade. Radula 6 mm., and with 42 rows of teeth. Formula for New Guinea: 2-1-2; 1-3 (with-out peg); 4; 5.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
73.0	37.4	11	(large; Cebu Id.)
61.5	33.5	9+	(average; Okinawa Id.)
49.2	28.0	10	(small; Luzon Id.)

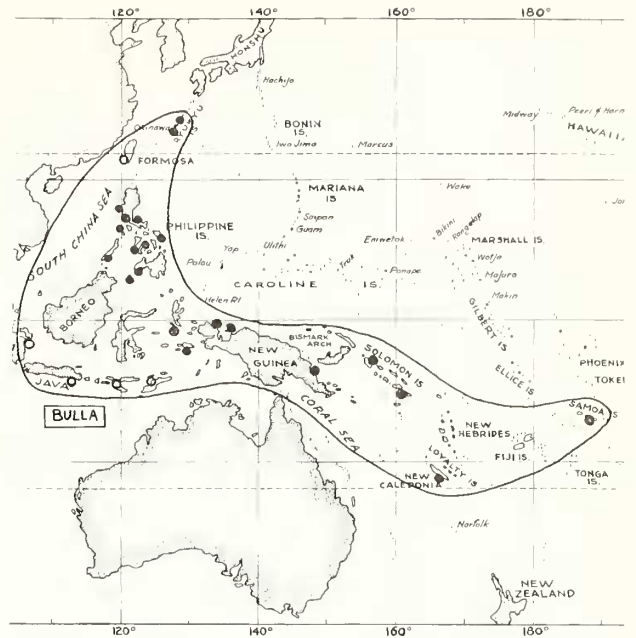


Plate 106. Geographical distribution of *Strombus bulla* (Röding).

*Synonymy—*

- 1798 *Lambis bulla* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 64, no. 814 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 840.
- 1811 *Strombus laevis* Perry, Conchology, London, pl. 13, fig. 4 (African Seas).
- 1826 *Strombus lamarkii* Gray, in King, Narrative Survey—Australia, London, vol. 2, appendix, p. 490. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 840 and Seba, pl. 61, figs. 1, 2. Non Sowerby, 1842.
- 1840 *Strombus lamarkii* Swainson, in Lardner's Cabinet Cyclopaedia, Treatise Malacology, London, p. 139. Non Sowerby, 1842.
- 1842 *Strombus aurisdianae* Linné, Reeve, Conchologia Systematica, vol. 2, p. 206, pl. 251, fig. 4.
- 1843 *Strombus guttatus* "Martini" Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, p. 24, pl. 15, fig. 1 (Mer des Indes); 1851, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, Strombus, pl. 14, fig. 33.
- 1925 *Strombus (Strombus) aurisdianae* Linné, Oostingh, Mededeel. Landbouw. Wageningen, vol. 29, pt. 1, p. 55.
- 1938 *Strombus (Euprotomus) aurisdianae* Linné, Adam and Leloup, Result. Sci. Voy. Indes Orient. Neerl., vol. 2, fasc. 19, p. 117.

*Types*—Röding's *bulla* is based upon figure 840, vol. 3, Conchylien-Cabinet. The latter gave no locality. We hereby designate Cebu City, Cebu Island, Philippines, as the type locality.

*Nomenclature*—This is the species referred to in the old literature as *Strombus guttatus* Martini, a non-binomial name. This was not validated until 1843 by Kiener, but had two earlier names, *bulla* Röding and *laevis* Perry. Many authors between 1847 and 1938 referred to this species as *aurisdianae* L., but on the basis of Gray's 1826 revision we

have restricted the latter name to the commoner, rough species figured by Rumphius, pl. 37, fig. R. *S. bulla* is *S. lamarcki* of Gray not Sowerby, Hanley, Oostingh and Adam and Leloup.

*Records* (see map, pl. 106)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Itoma Jima Id. (MCZ); Okinawa Id. (Mrs. A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Hoko (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: Luzon: Lusong Cove, Bataan, 7 fms.; off Corregidor Id., 6-10 fms.; San Miguel Id., Tabaco Bay, Albay Prov. (all duPont-Academy Exped., 1958, ANSP). Mindoro: Mansalay Bay (ANSP); Calapan (MCZ); Lubang (MCZ). Cuyo Id., Palawan (ANSP). Cebu City, Cebu Id. (A. B. Franco, ANSP). Sulu Archipelago: Bongao Channel, Sanga Sanga Id. (J. Root, ANSP); Jolo Id. (MCZ). Samar Id. (MCZ). INDONESIA: Amboina and Bouro Ids. (MCZ); Misol, Timor, Savu, Flores, Java and Banka Islands (Oostingh, 1925, p. 56). DUTCH NEW GUINEA: Soepiori Id., Schouten Ids. and Aocrori Id., east Padaido Ids. (both NSF, 1956, ANSP). PAPUA: Finschhafen Bay (MCZ). SOLOMONS: Ugi Id. (ANSP); Kieta, Bougainville Id. (W. J. Eyerdam, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: (MCZ). SAMOA: Tutuila Id. (ANSP).

*Fossil records*—KENYA: Pleistocene: reef-limestone, eastern shore of Mombasa Harbour (L. R. Cox, 1930, Monograph 4, p. 137, not figured). Also an unverified report (see Cox, above) from the Pleistocene of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, by Koert and Tornau, 1910).

*Strombus vomer subspecies*  
*vomer* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 14, figs. 7, 8)

*Range*—Ryukyu Islands and New Caledonia.

*Remarks*—To date, this very attractive species has been recorded in fair numbers from only the Ryukyu Islands and New Caledonia. Despite its apparent absence over a stretch of 3000 miles, there is no discernible difference in specimens from these two distant places. It would not be entirely surprising if it were to turn up in the Philippines and Indonesia, although we believe that this species, which was once widespread in the Pliocene, is now shrinking in range and becoming extinct. This shrinkage has left two peripheral subspecies, *iredalei* in northern Australia and *hawaiiensis* in the Hawaiian Chain. The two isolated colonies of *vomer vomer* may, in future geological times, produce a further differentiation. This entire *vomer* complex presents an example of the various stages of development of allopatric species, with *iredalei* being the most advanced, and the *vomer vomer* colonies representing potential subspeciation.

*Strombus vomer* is a polytypic species containing three subspecies — *vomer* (Röding) from the Central Pacific Arc, *iredalei* Abbott from northern Australia and *hawaiiensis* Pilsbry from the Hawaiian Chain. Iredale's *donnellyi* is quite likely a slightly malformed or immature specimen of *vomer*

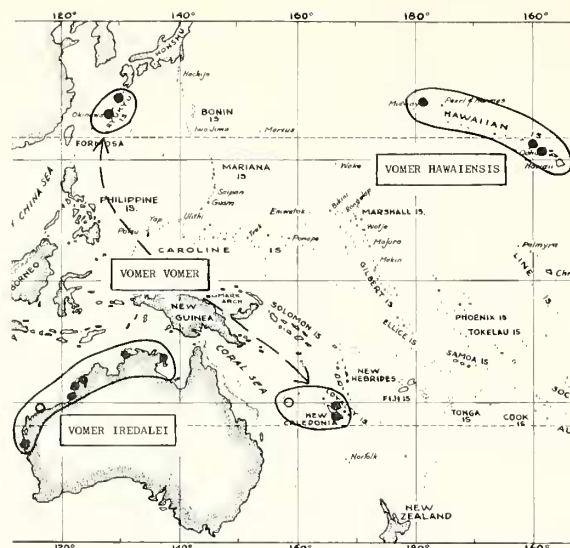


Plate 107. The discontinuous geographical distribution of *Strombus vomer vomer* (Röding) in the Western Pacific Arc, its Australian subspecies, *iredalei* Abbott, and its Hawaiian subspecies, *hawaiiensis* Pilsbry.

*vomer*. It was obtained dead near Sydney, Australia, from dredged piles of sand from the ship, "Triton", which had been working in New Caledonia under the command of Captian Comtesse. Other New Caledonian, as well as Australian, species occurred in dead condition in these sand piles, and the authenticity of their origins is very questionable.

Typical *vomer* is distinguished from the other members of the subgenus *Euprotomus* by the interior of its orange to lemon-yellow aperture which bears 45 to 50 smooth, rather even-sized, white spiral lirae, by the brown patch on the upper part of the parietal wall, and by the very weak or obsolete rugae on the base of the columella. *Strombus vomer iredalei* and *vomer hawaiiensis* have a whitish to light yellowish aperture with numerous, crowded, uneven-sized lirae, and the base of the columella in each usually has moderately developed rugae. The former subspecies, from Australia, has an extra one or two spiral rows of weak, small knobs on the lower part of the body whorl and may or may not have black-brown stains on the parietal wall. Two of the lirae inside the upper part of the aperture are usually larger than the others. The smoothish, glossy exterior of *vomer vomer* and the rough, non-glossy exterior of *iredalei* are similar to the difference between the smooth *Strombus bulla* (Röding) and the rough *S. aurisdianae*.

*Habitat*—Found by George and Mary Kline in New Caledonia in 4 to 10 feet of water on coral sand and coral rubble on the barrier reef in Touho

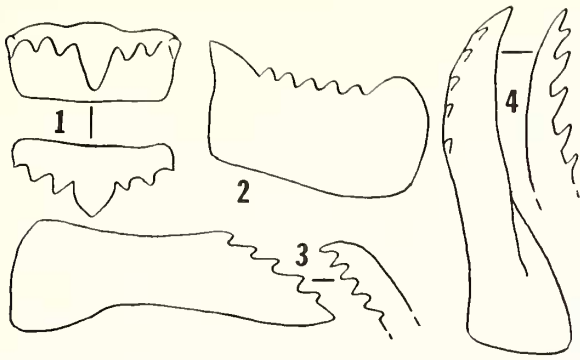


Plate 108. Radula of *Strombus vomer vomer* (Röding), New Caledonia. Fig. 1, central. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal.

Bay. Mrs. Anita A. Scott says (*in litt.*) it is uncommon in sand at dead low tide on Okinawa Island, Ryukyus.

*Description*—Shell 55 to 88 mm. (2 to 3½ inches) in length, solid, glistening, knobbed, with a high spire and projecting upper and outer lip, and with an orange inner aperture over which are white, spiral lirae. Whorls 11. Nuclear whorls 2, smooth, translucent lavender and convex. First 4 postnuclear whorls angulate, lavender, and with 10 to 12 spiral threads crossed by fine, axial threads which give the first 2 or 3 postnuclear whorls a microscopically cancellate appearance. At the angular periphery of the whorls, beads appear which become larger and fewer (7 to 9 in the body whorl; 9 to 10 in the penultimate; 11 to 16 in the whorl above this). Except for these knobs and for the 20 to 24 weak spiral cords at the base of the shell, the outer shell is smoothish, glossy, with a whitish background over which are maculations, speckles, tiny bars and arrows and axial streaks of mauve-brown. Outer lip moderately flaring, thickened and with a single, whitish, long or short projection at the top. Upper parietal wall with a glaze of blackish brown (like scorched paper); lower half swollen and cream. Inner columella wall brownish orange and weakly lirate above, smooth in the center, and with 5 or 6 small teeth near the white base. Siphonal canal long and bent back about 90 degrees. To the left of the strong, deep stromboid notch there is a large, cream, glossy, twisted flange. Inside of entire outer lip, including the dorsal projection, smooth and enamel-white. Interior of aperture orange to lemon-orange over which are 45 to 50 distinct, raised, smooth, white spiral lirae. Periostracum thin, smoothish, translucent. Operculum stromboid, dark- to light-brown, slightly arching, and with 7 to 8 very small serrations.

Mantle ridged, its edge smooth. Radula ribbon

(shell 83 mm.) 8 mm. long, with 44 rows of teeth. Formula: 2-1-2; 1-4 or 1-5 (without peg); 5; 5 or 6. Vergé not observed.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
88.0	50.0	11	(large; locality unknown)
72.5	40.5	10	(average; New Caledonia)
55.1	36.0	10	(small; Ryukyu Ids.)

*Synonymy*—

- 1784 *Aratrum*, T. Martyn, Universal Conchologist, London, vol. 1, pl. 1 (Friendly Isles), non-binomial.  
 1798 *Lambis vomer* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 64, no. 821 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1485-6.  
 1811 *Strombus acutus* Perry, Conchology, London, pl. 12, fig. 2 (Pacific Ocean).  
 1826 *Strombus zelandiae* Gray, in King, Narrative Survey—Australia, London, vol. 2, appendix, p. 490. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1485-86.  
 1821 *Strombus pacificus* Swainson, Exotic Conchology, London, pt. 3, pl. 17 (Friendly Isles); 1841, *ibid.*, 2nd ed., p. 10, pl. 17.  
 1840 *Strombus chemnitzii* Pfeiffer, Kritisches Register Martini Chemnitz Konch.-Kab., Kassel, p. viii, no. 7. Refers also to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1485-1486.  
 1842 *Strombus novae zelandiae* Chemnitz, Reeve, Conchologia Systematica, vol. 2, p. 206, pl. 250, fig. 2; 1844, Duclos, in Chenu, Illust. Conchyl., vol. 4, p. 11, pl. 7, figs. 5, 6; 1851, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, sp. and fig. 35.  
 1869 *Strombus nova-seelandia*, Ch., Paetel, Molluscorum Systema et Catalogus, Dresden, second p. 46.  
 ?1931 *Euprotomus donnellyi* Iredale, Records Australian Museum, vol. 18, no. 4, p. 212, pl. 23, fig. 19 (Sydney Harbour, N. S. W.).  
 1942 *Strombus hirasei* Kuroda, Venus, vol. 12, p. 8, figs. 3 and 4 on p. 6 (Okinawa Ids.).  
 1950 *Euprotomus atratum* Allan, Australian Shells, Melbourne, p. 99, pl. 17, fig. 3 [error for *aratrum* Martyn].

*Types*—Röding's species is based upon figures 1485 and 1486, vol. 10, Conchylien-Cabinet. Chemnitz believed his specimen was from New Zealand, but this is evidently erroneous. Two other localities are mentioned in the early literature, Friendly Isles [Fiji] by Thomas Martyn (1784) and Pulo Condore [120 miles S.E. of Cambodia, China Sea] in the Portland Catalogue (1786, p. 29 and p. 64). The latter two records are unconfirmed. We hereby designate Noumea, New Caledonia, as the type locality. The type of *S. hirasei* Kuroda is presumably in the Kyoto University collection and is from Okinawa. From the description and figures it appears to fit within the limits of *vomer vomer*. The type of *Euprotomus donnellyi* Iredale is presumably in the Australian Museum.

*Nomenclature*—Thomas Martyn's name *Aratrum* appears without a generic name and is evidently non-binomial. This is generally and rightfully rejected because all of the illustrations and ruled

borders were hand painted and not printed. None of the four paintings I have examined of this species are the same.

*Records* (see map, pl. 107)—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Yacuyama and Oshima, Amami-Osima Ids. (Y. Hirase, ANSP); Satsuma (MCZ); Okinawa (Mrs. A. A. Scott and A. R. Cahn, ANSP). NEW CALEDONIA: Touho Bay (G. and M. Kline, NSF, 1959); Bourail (Mme. Revercé, ANSP). Brampton Reef, 19° 51' S.; 158° 20' E. (J. Brazier, 1871, p. 585). Kuroda, 1942, p. 8, questions a Wakayama-Ken, Kii, Honshu Id., Japan, record, since it was probably from an Okinawan fisherman. The Pulo Condore Id., South China Sea, record in the Portland Catalogue (1786, p. 29 and 64) is unconfirmed, but possible.]

*Fossil records*—None reported.

*Strombus vomer subspecies*  
*hawaiiensis* Pilsbry, 1917

(Pl. 14, figs. 9, 10; pl. 109)

*Range*—Hawaiian Chain from Midway to Maui Island.

*Remarks and description*—Shell 64 to 98 mm. (2½ to 4 inches in length), very similar to *vomer vomer*, but differing in having a white to yellowish tinted aperture; in having finer, more numerous, crowded, uneven-sized spiral lirae (55 to 70 instead of 45 to 50) on the inside of the body whorl which may extend to the edge of the outer lip; in having 10 to 15 weak teeth or spiral lirae at the base of the columella (instead of 5 to 6); in lacking the brown stain on the parietal wall; and in having stronger spiral cords on the lower half of the whorls, of which 2 to 4 show in the bottom half of the whorls in the spire. The length of the projection at the top of the outer lip is variable in adults, and usually has a longitudinal furrow down the middle inner side. Periostracum not seen. Operculum yellowish brown, thick, longitudinally furrowed and with a saw-toothed edge. Soft parts not examined.

I am greatly indebted to several Hawaiian collectors for the gift and loan of specimens of this rare subspecies: Clifton S. Weaver, Dr. Tom H. Richert, Mr. Bobby Lee, Mr. John Duarte, and Mr. Crawford N. Cate. *S. hawaiiensis*, not *hawaiiensis*, is a misspelling.

*Habitat*—Lives on sand and coral rubble bottom from 3 to 21 fathoms. A rare subspecies, and rarely cast on shore.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
75.0	41.0	10	(holotype)
98.3	52.0	10	(large; Maui Id.)
83.5	41.5	11	(average; Kauai Id.)
72.0	41.0	11	(small; Oahu Id.)
64.0	32.5	8+	(small; Oahu Id.)

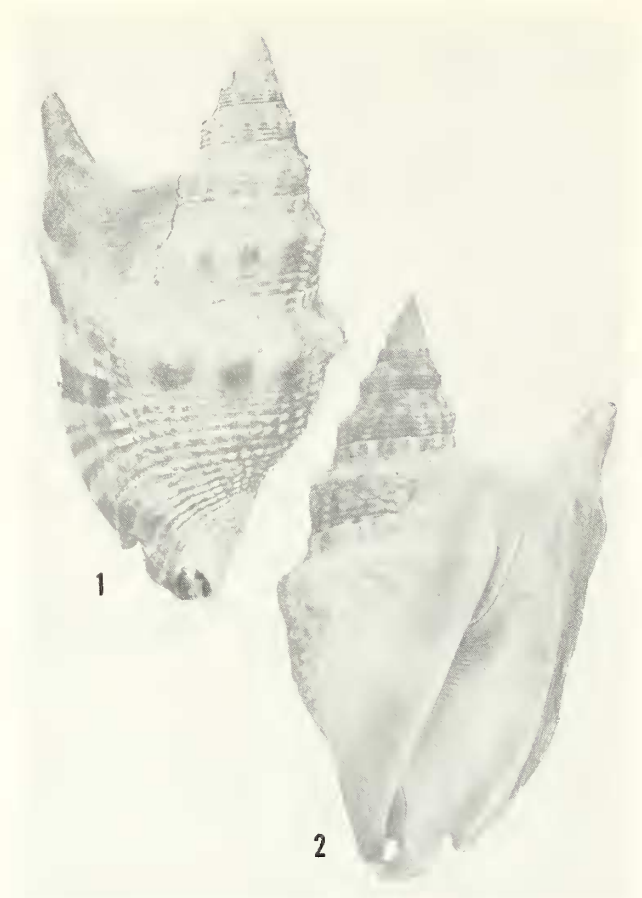


Plate 109. Figs. 1 and 2, holotype of *Strombus vomer hawaiiensis* Pilsbry, Hawaii. Natural size.

*Synonymy*—

1917 *Strombus hawaiiensis* Pilsbry, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, vol. 69, p. 329, pl. 22, figs. 1, 2 (Pearl and Hermes Reef, Hawaiian Chain).

1952 *Strombus hawaiiensis* Pilsbry, Tinker, Pacific Sea Shells, Honolulu, p. 52.

*Types*—The holotype is in the B. P. Bishop museum, Honolulu. It was collected by Lt. W. H. Munter. One beachworn paratype in ANSP no. 46724. The type locality is Pearl and Hermes Reef, Hawaiian Chain.

*Records* (see map, pl. 107)—HAWAIIAN CHAIN: Midway Id. (ANSP and MCZ). Pearl and Hermes Reef (BPBM). KAUAI: Haena (W. A. Bryan, ANSP); Miloliu (W. A. Bryan); Wailua Bay (John Duarte). MOLOKAI: Moomumi (W. A. Bryan). OAHU: Paumalu (Cliff Weaver); Waianae (W. A. Bryan); Ewa (T. H. Richert and ANSP). MAUI: southwest end (Bobby Lee).

*Fossil records*—RYUKYU ISLANDS: Gabusoga and Nakosi, Okinawa Id. (lower part of Pliocene) (Nomura and Zimbo, 1936, Science Reports Tohoku Imp. Univ., Sendai, 2nd ser., vol. 18, no. 3, p. 259, pl. 11, figs. 26a, 26b, as *S. aurisdianae* L.). A specimen closely resembling *hawaiiensis* was collected by H. S. Ladd (station F 238, in USNM) of probable Mioocene age near Nasongo, Viti Levu Id., Fiji.

*Strombus vomer subspecies  
iredalei* Abbott (new name)

(Pl. 14, figs. 11, 12)

*Range*—Western Australia to the Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia.

*Remarks and description*—This subspecies appears to be limited to about 2000 miles of coast along western and northern Australia. It is closer in morphological characters to the geographically distant *hawaicensis* than to the central, typical *vomer vomer*. *S. vomer iredalei* has an exterior which is less shiny and more rugose, with the body whorl bearing 2 to 4 fairly strong spiral rows of coarse beads or poorly developed knobs below the row of small, somewhat even-sized pointed knobs at the shoulder. The spiral cord just below the suture bears numerous, elongate beads. Interior of aperture whitish with numerous spiral, white lirae of unequal size and with 2 or 3 of these at the upper end being much larger than the others. Lower half of parietal wall and columella strongly swollen, cream, tan or rarely brownish orange, and usually with small rugae on the inner, lower end. Parietal wall not glazed over at the center, but may be bordered with brownish markings. The outer lip may be somewhat flaring or turned inward. The nuclear and early whorls are whitish to pinkish but otherwise like those of *hawaicensis*.

Radula similar to that of *vomer vomer*, its formula 2-1-2; 1-4 (also 1-3); 5; 5. Vergo not observed.

*Habitat*—Little is known about its habitat or ecology. A live specimen was collected in shallow water at Broome by Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark of Harvard.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
76.5	42.0	11	(large; west Australia)
64.8	35.2	10	(average; Australia)
55.5	33.5	11	(small; Broome, Australia)
37.0	22.5	6+	(small; Australia)

*Synonymy*—

- 1826 *Strombus australis* Gray, in King, Narrative Survey—Australia, London, vol. 2, appendix, p. 489 (Australia). Non Schröter, 1805.  
 1842 *Strombus australis* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyliorum, vol. 1, Strombus, p. 36, no. 53, pl. 9, figs. 96-97 (Australia); 1843, Kiener, Coq. Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 14, fig. 1; 1851, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. 6, pl. 14, fig. 34. Non Schröter, 1805.  
 1854 *Strombus (Monodactylus) australis* Sowerby, H. and A. Adams, Genera of Recent Mollusea, London, vol. 1, p. 259.  
 1885 *Strombus australis* Gray, Brazier, Proc. Linn. Soc. New South Wales, vol. 10, pt. 1, p. 88.

*Types*—The type of *Strombus australis* Gray is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History in London. Australia is the type locality which we do not restrict until more is known about this subspecies.

*Nomenclature*—Gray gave a fairly diagnostic Latin and English description, but somewhat confused the picture with badly punctuated remarks which contained some typographical errors (for "Martini, vii", read "Martini, iii"). Some have felt that Gray referred his new species to Martini, Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, figs. 338, 339 and to Seba's pl. 61, fig. 5, 6, but it may be noted under the Latin description that Gray put "Icon.—?" This meant he could not find an illustration of it in any of the iconographs available to him at that time. In view of the description, and subsequent illustrations of this species by Sowerby and Kiener, I am accepting *australis* Gray as described and illustrated in our present monograph.

*Strombus australis* Gray, 1826, is preoccupied by *Strombus australis* Schröter, 1805 (which is the high-spired, "turritus" form of *Strombus vittatus*). I hereby rename *australis* Gray, 1826, and *australis* Sowerby, 1842 as *iredalei* after Tom Iredale of Sydney, Australia.

*Records* (see map, pl. 107)—WESTERN AUSTRALIA: Rowley Shoals (J. Brazier, 1885, p. 88); Nicol Bay (J. Brazier, 1885, p. 88). Geraldton (MCZ); mouth of False Cape Creek, La Grange Bay, Broome; Ridell's Beach, near Broome; James Price Point, 35 mi. north of Broome (all V. Orr, 1958, ANSP). NORTHERN TERRITORY: off Darwin (A. R. Cahn, ANSP). Yirrkola, Arnhem Land (USNM).

*[These occasional blank areas occur between genera and subgenera to permit the insertion of new material and future sections in their proper systematic sequence.]*

### Subgenus *Conomurex* P. Fischer, 1884

Type: *Strombus luhuanus* Linné, 1758

This subgenus is limited to the Indo-Pacific area, and contains two species—the Pacific Ocean *luhuanus* Linné, and the Indian Ocean *decorus* Röding. The latter has a subspecies, *persicus* Swainson, in the northwest section of the Indian Ocean. The subgenus may be a rather recent development, since it has not been recorded in the fossil record earlier than the Upper Pliocene of Indonesia.

The shells are characterized by their somewhat conic shape, depressed spire, and rose to red aperture. The penis is scarlet to rose and has a prong arising from one corner of the distal blade. The operculum has 4 to 6 well-developed serrations. The lateral tooth of the radula has a very large cusp on the inner side and a small, pointed peg at the base.

#### Synonymy—

1884 *Conomurex* "Bayle" P. Fischer, Manuel de Conchyliologie, fasc. 7, p. 670. Type by monotypy: *Strombus luhuanus* Linné, 1758.

### *Strombus luhuanus* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 14, fig. 15; pl. 110)

*Range*—Southeast Japan to Indonesia, Australia and east to Palmyra and Fiji.

*Remarks*—This common, shallow-water, western Pacific species is readily recognized by its black-brown, smooth columella, its blood-red to bright orange-red aperture, and its rather heavy shell. Young or badly beachworn specimens may lack color on the columella and aperture. Specimens at the extreme range of distribution are inclined to be small and lacking the rich watermelon-red of the aperture. Such dwarf, whitish-mouthed ecologic forms have been found in Vacluse Bay, Sydney, Australia and on Palmyra Island, south of the Hawaiian Chain. I suspect the dwarfed Palmyra Island *luhuanus* is an ecologic form rather than a very localized subspecies. Not all Palmyra specimens have a white aperture and not all have a high, extended spire. The latter character appears to be correlated with the unusually heavy growth of calcareous algae on the spire during the animal's growth, thus forcing an unnaturally rapid

descent of the whorls. I call this the "Palmyra" form. Records and specimens of this species from the Mauritius and Madagascar area are most likely due to misidentifications or mixed labels. The Indian Ocean counterpart to *luhuanus* is *S. decorus* (Röding). The latter has no black on the columella and its aperture is rose to orange with a white border. There are reports (von Martens, 1887, p. 189) of *luhuanus* in the Bay of Bengal which I have not verified.

*Habitat*—This species is usually abundant wherever it occurs. Large colonies live in shallow water from the low tide mark to a depth of 30 feet, usually where the bottom consists of coral sand, coral rubble and patches of algae. It is found in Micronesian lagoons and in the bays of large islands, providing there are no muddy conditions. The animals give off great quantities of mucus when disturbed. Many shells from certain localities have live *Sabia conica* (Schumacher) (Hipponicidae) attached to the outer shell. They are more commonly on the spire, but may be found on the body whorl. Their attachment causes a round, deep, irregular scar.

*Description*—Shell 32 to 70 mm. (1 to 2¾ inches) in length, solid, well-shouldered, conic, with a black columella and orange-red aperture, and with a thick, rough, brown periostracum. Color of outer shell (when brown periostracum is removed) white with 7 to 12 irregularly-sized spiral bands of light-brown which may contain axial, flame-like bars of brown. Aperture orange- to watermelon-red. Columella darkly suffused with black-brown. Whorls 8 or 9. Nuclear whorls 3, bulimoid, glossy, smooth, translucent-tan or translucent-rose. First

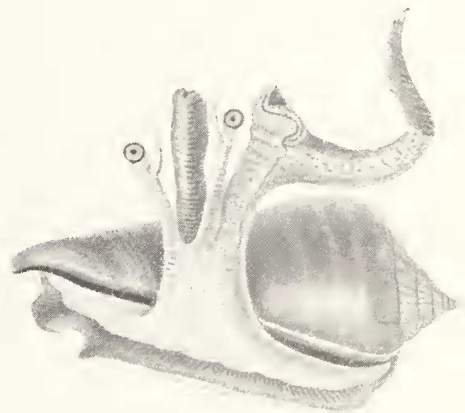


Plate 110. Living animal of female *Strombus luhuanus* Linné. (from Quoy and Gaimard, 1833, pl. 51, fig. 3).

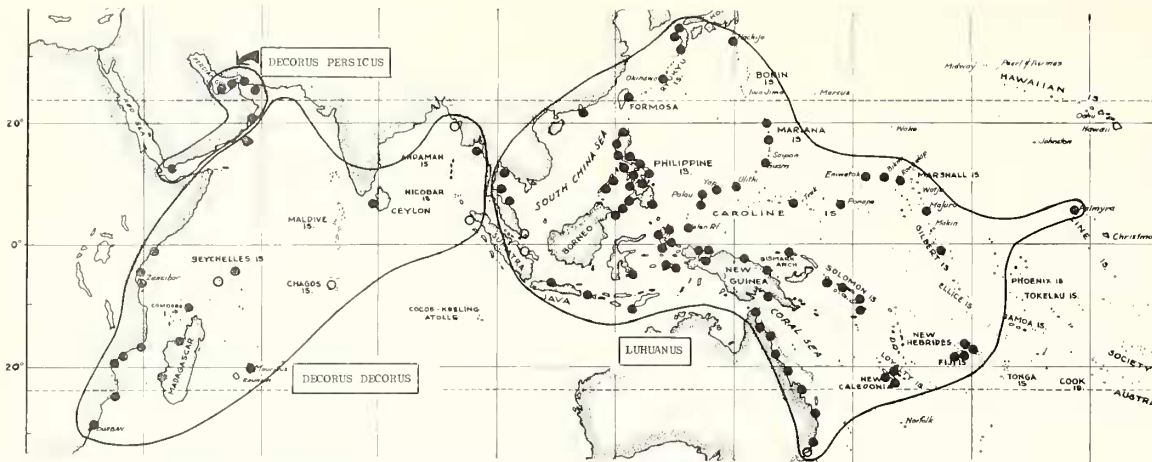


Plate 111. Geographical distribution of *Strombus decorus* (Röding) and its Arabian subspecies, *persicus* Swainson, and of the Pacific Ocean *Strombus luhuanus* Linné.

postnuclear whorl with 15 to 18 microscopic spiral threads which are axially crossed by much smaller scratches. In later whorls, numerous fine, axial riblets develop. Spire with 8 to 10 small, whitish, swollen, former varices. After the fourth postnuclear whorls, the rounded shoulder has about 20 short, even-sized, well-rounded, ribs per whorl. These disappear on the last whorl. Base of shell with about 2 dozen almost obsolete spiral threads. Interior of body whorl with about 100 very fine spiral lirae which do not reach the edge of the sharp outer lip. Stromboid notch usually well-developed. A similar notch occurs at the shoulder, a little below the well-indented, almost channeled, suture. Columella smooth, glossy, black-brown, but poorly developed. Periostracum thick, axially fimbriated, especially below the suture, tan to brown in color. Operculum stromboid, blackish brown, slightly arching, with 3 to 5 large serrations, and slightly less than one third the length of the shell.

Radular ribbon 5 to 8 mm. long, wine-red to brown, with 42 to 46 rows of teeth; main cusps very large. Formula 2-1-2 or 3-1-3; 1-4 or 1-3; 4 to 6; 7 or 8. Eye peduncles usually equal in length. Head and body heavily speckled and mottled with crimson-red (preserved). Eye with a single red ring. Verge with a long, thin, thumb-like appendage. Verge scarlet-red with the laminated, distal pad yellowish.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
69.5	38.0	9	(large; Helen Reef, Carolines)
56.5	30.5	9	(average; Samar Id., Phil. Ids.)
32.2	18.0	6+	(small; Palmyra Id.)

*Synonymy—*

- 1758 *Strombus luhuanus* Linné *Systema Naturae*, ed. 10, p. 744, no. 432 (In O. Asiae); 1767, ed. 12, p. 1209, no. 500; 1956, Dodge, *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, vol. 111, art. 3, pp. 264-265.
- 1788 *Strombus luhuanus* Herbst, *Natur. Abbild. der merkw. Würmer*, vol. 9, p. 203, pl. 48, fig. 2 (no locality). *S. luhuanus* on plate caption.
- 1798 *Lambis luhuanus* Röding, *Museum Boltenianum*, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 61 (refer to *Conchyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, figs. 789, 790). No locality.
- ?1839 *Strombus pusillus* Anton, *Verzeichniss der Conchylien*, Halle, p. 86, no. 2812 (Young of *luhuanus*?).
- 1884 *Strombus (Conomurex) luhuanus* L., Fischer, *Manuel de Conchyliologie*, Paris, fasc. 7, p. 670; 1929, Thiele, *Handb. Syst. Weichtierkunde*, Jena, vol. 1, p. 254.
- 1931 *Conomurex luhuanus* Linné, Iredale, *Records Australian Mus.*, vol. 18, no. 4, p. 212; 1959, Kira, *Coloured Illus. Shells Japan*, Osaka, p. 35, pl. 15, fig. 8.

*Types*—According to Dodge, 1956, p. 265, the Linnaean collection in the Linnaean Society of London contains two cotypes marked by Linnaeus himself. The original locality was given merely as "in O. Asiae". We are restricting the type locality to Luhu Island, near Amboina and Ceram, Indonesia. This was the locality given by Rumphius on his pl. 37, fig. 8 and upon which Linnaeus named the species, *luhuanus*.

*Selected records* (see map on this page for others; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—HONG KONG: Port Shelter (A. J. Staple, ANSP). THAILAND: all Gulf of Siam: Koh Samit; Koh Tao; Koh Samui; Koh Samet; Maprao Id. (all USNM). SINGAPORE: (Oostingh, 1923, p. 85). JAPAN: Hachijo Id., south of Tokyo; Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Honshu Id.; Tomioka, Amakusa, Kyushu Id. (all T. Habe, ANSP). RYUKYU ISLANDS: Shioya, Shananwan Bay, Okinawa (USNM). TAIWAN: Taihoku-syu; Kiirun; Suo; Hoku; Tuso (all Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: common throughout the islands of Luzon; Lubang; Mindoro; Samar; Leyte; Catanduanes; Marinduque; Basilan; Bilan; Santa Cruz; Palawan; Cebu; Panay; Mindanao; Sanga Sanga; Tawi Tawi; Siasi (all ANSP, USNM and MCZ). INDONESIA: Bouru Id., Moluccas; Roti Id., Timor; Wodo Id., Halmahera; Poeloe Boeton, Celebes (all MCZ). AUSTRALIA: Vacluse Bay,



Sydney, N.S.W.; Green Id., Palm Id., Brook Id., Queensland (all ANSP). MARIANAS: Maug Id. (USNM); Saipan Id. (USNM); Apra Harbor, Guam Id. (A. J. Ostheimer, ANSP). CAROLINES: Yap Id. (C. O. Kile, ANSP); Ponape Id. (V. Wertley, ANSP); lagoon, Ifaluk Atoll; Lukunor Atoll; Ulithi (all USNM). NEW CALEDONIA: Baie de l'Orphelinat, 8 ft. (G. and M. Kline, NSF, 1959). FIJI: Makogai Id. (R. T. Abbott, MCZ). ELLICE ISLANDS: Fumafuti (Hedley, 1899, p. 429). LINE ISLANDS: Palmyra Id. (George Vanderbilt, ANSP). [Records from Tahiti, Samoa, Seychelles, Mauritius, Reunion and Amirante Ids. are in our opinion based upon misidentifications or erroneous locality data.]

*Fossil records*—INDONESIA: Pleistocene of Timor (Oostingh, 1923, p. 85), and Celebes (K. Martin, 1890, p. 278); Pleistocene or Upper Pliocene (Teseh, p. 49, pl. 130, fig. 167). NEW HEBRIDES: Efate Id., Upper Pliocene (Abbard, 1946, p. 64). MARSHALL ISLANDS: Pleistocene at Bikini, drill hole 2, core 11, core piece 1, 180 to 185 feet (H. S. Ladd, USNM). MARIANAS: Pleistocene (?), Guam and Tanapag, Saipan (USNM). TAIWAN: Byoritu Beds (Siko), Pliocene (Nomura, 1935, p. 179, pl. 9, fig. 23).

*Strombus decorus subspecies decorus* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 14, fig. 13; pl. 113)

*Range*—Durban, South Africa, to the Gulf of Bengal.

*Remarks*—This species (formerly known as *mauritianus* Lamarck) is limited to the Indian Ocean and is evidently closely related to the Pacific Ocean *luhuanus*. Despite their resemblance to each other, I have considered them full allopatric species,

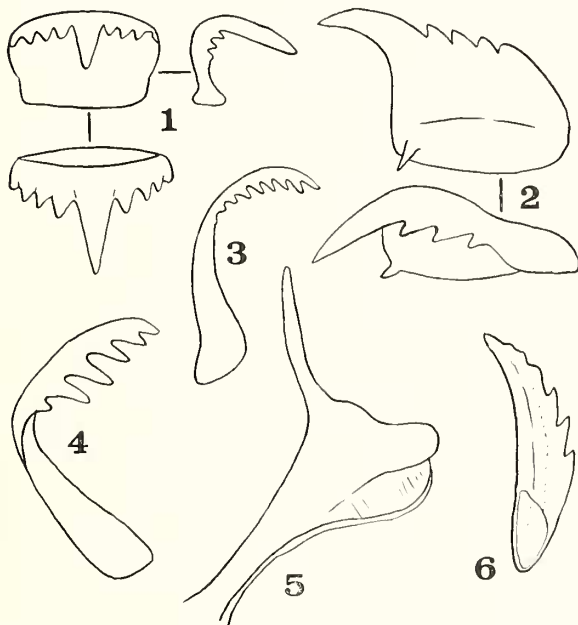


Plate 112. *Strombus luhuanus* Linné, Sanga Sanga Island, Philippines. Fig. 1, central radular tooth (three views). 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, verge. 6, operculum, showing scar from muscle attachment.

since the differences are many and I have seen no intergrades from the Malayan region. *S. decorus* is more variable in size, shape and color pattern, especially in the same colony, than is *luhuanus*, and along its northern distribution in the Arabian Sea it has developed into a rather distinct, smoothish, angular-shouldered form which we identify as the subspecies, *persicus* Swainson (formerly *behtschiensis* Melville).

*Strombus decorus decorus* is distinguished from *luhuanus* by the absence of black on the columella, by the delicate, light-orange to rose interior of the aperture, by the white border of the inside of the outer lip which produces a white interior to the siphonal canal, and by the usual presence of axial knobs on the shoulder on the last whorl. These smaller, more knobbed specimens, occurring sporadically in Zanzibar colonies, are form *coniformis* Sowerby, 1842. Specimens often have circular, sunken scars caused by the attachment of the cap shell, *Sabia conica* (Schumacher).

*Habitat*—Live in colonies on coral sand, sponge and weed bottom from low water to 18 fathoms. Usually common wherever it occurs.

*Description*—Shell 34 to 74 mm. (1½ to 3 inches) in length, solid, heavy, somewhat conic in shape, with a white and brown-flecked columella, and a rose-tinted aperture. Color of outer shell variable, with a white to cream background over which are sparse mottlings, or nettings, or zigzag streaks, or

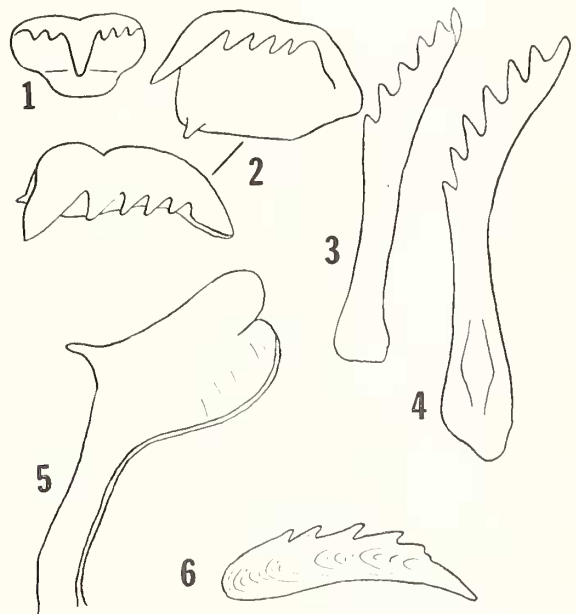


Plate 113. *Strombus decorus decorus* (Röding), Portuguese East Africa. Fig. 1, central radular tooth. 2, lateral. 3, inner marginal. 4, outer marginal. 5, verge. 6, operculum.

indistinct spiral bands of light- or dark-brown or yellowish orange. Whorls 9 to 10. Spire usually moderately raised, rarely high, rarely low. Nuclear whorls 3, glossy, smooth, rounded. First three post-nuclear whorls with 7 to 9 microscopic, incised spiral lines crossing numerous, small axial riblets (about 24 per whorl). Top of spire with 6 to 8 small, whitish, rounded, swollen former varices. Whorls rounded in the spire and, in the penultimate whorl, bearing 14 to 16 small, well-rounded axial ribs or knobs. The last whorl may be smoothish at the rounded shoulder or bear 4 to 6 prominent knobs. Base of shell smoothish. Columella callus very thin, white or flecked with brown. Interior of aperture light-orange to rose, with a broad white border. Inner wall of body whorl with exceedingly fine, numerous spiral threads. Stromboid notch moderately deep. Posterior siphonal notch moderately developed and bordered above by a white tongue-like flap which is adherent to the previous whorl. Periostracum thin, smoothish, translucent-tan. Operculum stromboid, light-brown, arching, one third the length of the shell and with 6 or 7 sharp serrations.

Radula formula of Mozambique specimens: 2-1-2 (rarely 3-1-3); 1-3 to 1-5 (plus peg); 4 or 5; 5 or 6. Verge with a rose base and a yellowish distal blade which has a "heel" or slightly developed thumb-like process.

#### Measurements (mm.)—

length	width	no. whorls	
74.3	40.5	9+	(large; Mozambique)
54.0	27.5	10	(average; Zanzibar)
33.5	18.0	9	(small; Zanzibar)

#### Synonymy—

- 1798 *Lambis decora* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 62, no. 777 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1499 and 1500.
- 1807 *Lambis miniata* Link, Besch. Natur.-Samml., Rostok, p. 108. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1499-1500.
- 1807 *Lambis flammea* Link, *ibid*, p. 108. Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 799 (a young specimen).
- 1821 *Strombus cylindricus* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, series 1, vol. 1, pl. 53 (no locality); 1855, Berge, Conchylienbuch, Stuttgart, p. 231, pl. 38, fig. 5.
- 1822 *Strombus mauritianus* Lamarck, Anim. sans Vert., vol. 7, p. 206 (Ile de France [Mauritius]). Refers to Knorr, pt. 6, pl. 15, fig. 3; Lister, pl. 849, fig. 4a; and others.
- 1823 *Strombus lutruanus* Dillwyn, An Index to Hist. Conchyl. Lister, London, p. 38. Refers to Lister, pl. 849, fig. 4a.
- 1828 *Strombus laevilabris* Menke, Synopsis Method. Molluscorum, Pyrmonte, p. 41 (no locality). Refers to Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 10, figs. 1499-1500.
- 1842 *Strombus coniformis* Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., London, vol. 1, p. 29, pl. 7, figs. 55 and 61 [the knobbed form].

*Types*—Röding's species is based upon figs. 1499 and 1500 in vol. 10 of the Conchylien Cabinet. Chemnitz says that specimen came from Mauritius, which we now designate as the type locality. This is also the type locality for Lamarck's *mauritianus*, the type of which is probably in the Museum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève. The whereabouts of Swainson's type of *cylindricus* is unknown to us.

*Nomenclature*—The more familiar name of *mauritianus* Lamarck, 1822, is unfortunately antedated by three other names, the earliest being *decorus* Röding. *Lambis flammea* Link, 1807, is based upon Conchyl.-Cab., vol. 3, fig. 799, and, together with the description, there is little doubt that it is a young specimen of *decorus*. Mörch (1852, p. 63) was the first erroneously to associate Link's name with *floridus* Lamarck (i.e. *mutabilis* Swainson). This error has been continued by many workers.

*Records* (see map, pl. 111)—UNION SOUTH AFRICA: Durban, Natal (USNM). MOZAMBIQUE: Port Amelia (USNM, MCZ; Bazaruto Id. (MCZ); Inhaca Id., Delagoa Bay (W. Maene, ANSP); Mozambique City (K. Crose, ANSP). ZANZIBAR: Chango Id.; Paje; Chumbe Id.; Bawi Id.; Mnemba Id.; Pwakuu Id. (all NSF, 1957). KENYA: Malindi (USNM). SAUDI ARABIA: Muscat (ANSP). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP); Nossi Fanihi; Tuléar; Tamatave (all Dautzenberg, 1929, p. 471). INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Diego Garcia lagoon, Chagos Ids. (Melvill, "Sealark", 1909, p. 93). Marie-Louise Id., Amirante Isles (E. A. Smith, "Alert", 1884, p. 502). Malé, Maldives (R. Jonklass, ANSP). Mauritius (ANSP, MCZ, USNM). CEYLON: (USNM). THAILAND: Koh Pipidon, Puket (Bay of Bengal) (USNM). INDONESIA: Poelau Berhala, Sumatra, 3 live specimens on coral reef, fide Tomlin (Oostingh, 1929, no. 39, p. 3); off Deli, Sumatra (Oostingh, 1930, no. 49, p. 4). BURMA: Mergui Archip. (von Martens, 1887, p. 189).

*Fossil records*—According to L. R. Cox (1930, Monograph 4, p. 137): KENYA: Pleistocene, reef-limestone, eastern shore of Mombasa Harbour. TANCANYIKA: Pleistocene of Dar-es-Salaam.

#### *Strombus decorus snbspecies persicus Swainson, 1821*

(Pl. 14, fig. 14)

*Range*—Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf.

*Remarks*—In the northern range of *decorus*, most specimens take on a characteristic flat-sided, conic shape, a reduction of the size of the axial riblets, and a reduction in the rose tint within the aperture. We are accepting this as a subspecies, since intergrades exist. Young specimens closely resemble the genus *Conus*, but are recognized as *Strombus* by the minute varices in the apex.

*Habitat*—Lives in sandy mud and coral sand from low water line to a depth of 10 fathoms.

*Description*—Shell 40 to 51 mm. (1½ to 2 inches) in length, solid, conic, smoothish, with angular shoulders and lightly colored with light-brown netting and weak yellow-brown spiral bands. Whorls 9. Spire flat-sided, variable in height, and with about 6 small, swollen, former varices. Nuclear whorls unknown but probably like those in *decorus*. First two or three postnuclear whorls rose or whitish, with about 10 microscopic, spiral threads crossing larger axial riblets (about 22 per whorl). These riblets disappear three whorls from the last. Top of whorls flattish, the shoulder angular. Sides of last whorl flat. Columella glossy white. Interior of aperture usually white, rarely tinted with rose. Stromboid notch weakly to moderately developed. Periostracum moderately to very thin, dull, tan to brownish. Operculum typical, with 6 to 8 serrations.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
37.0	22.1	8+	(small; Lijab, Persian Gulf)
42.0	24.1	8+	(average; Jask, Persian Gulf)
51.1	27.5	9	(large; Dhalran, Persian Gulf)

*Synonymy*—

- 1821 *Strombus persicus* Swainson, Zoological Illustrations, series 1, vol. 1, pl. 53 (Persian Gulf). June.
- 1844 *Strombus ismarius* Duclos, in Chenu's *Illustr. Conchyl.*, vol. 4, *Strombus*, p. 5, pl. 7, figs. 1 and 2 (Nouvelle-Guinée). (dwarf form).
- 1898 *Strombus (Conomurex) belutschiensis* Melvill, Mem. and Proc. Manchester Lit. and Philos. Soc., vol. 42, no. 4, p. 37, text fig. (Charbar, Mekran coast of Beluchistan, 7 fms.).
- 1901 *Strombus (Conomurex) beluchiensis* Melvill, in Melvill and Standen, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1901, p. 380, pl. 21, figs. 13, 15 (in color). Emendation for *belutschiensis* Melvill.

*Types*—The type of *belutschiensis* Melvill is presumably in the British Museum of Natural History in London. Its type locality is Charbar, Mekran Coast of Beluchistan [now Iran or Persia]. The type locality for *persicus* is "Persian Gulf", but we do not know the whereabouts of Swainson's type, unless, by chance, it is at Cambridge University, England. Duclos' type of *ismarius* is probably in the Muséum d'Histoire naturelle de Genève.

*Nomenclature*—This subspecies appears to have received several names and one spelling emendation, as is seen in our synonymy. The earliest valid name, *persicus* Swainson, 1821, is well illustrated and well described. We should like to point out that some argument might arise on whether or not the name *persicus* is a homonym of Humphrey, 1786 (A Catalogue of the Portland Museum, London, p. 3, item no. 15). The line reads: "15 Strombus Fusus, L. *Persicus*, or Persian Spindle, a pair

*fine*, Lister. 854. 12." This is a *Tibia*, and if the name *Persicus* is to be interpreted as a species name, it would make *Persicus* Swainson a homonym and unavailable. However, in looking through the rest of the Portland Catalogue, we note that no other trivial or generic name is italicized, and that all geographical names *are* italicized. We feel certain that Humphrey was merely giving the latin name for "Persian" and not intending a species name. *S. ismarius* Duclos is undoubtedly this species, and the locality of "Nouvelle-Guinée" is probably erroneous.

*Strombus cailliaudi* Jay, Tryon (Manual of Conchology, vol. 7, p. 122) is probably not a *Strombus*. I concur with Tomlin (1937, Proc. Mal. Soc. London, vol. 22, p. 224) that Jay's species is the long-spined form of *Conus mediterraneus* Hwass. Jay's type of *Conus cailliaudi* appears to have been lost or destroyed by fire.

*Records* (see map, pl. 111)—PERSIAN GULF: Zaal Id., Tarut Bay; Kuwait (both USNM); Ras Tanura (Mrs. B. J. Grantier, ANSP); Lijab, 3½ fms. (Thaanum Coll'n.). SAUDI ARABIA: Aden (Melvill and Standen, 1901, p. 381); Abu Musa Id. and Dubae, Trucian Oman Coast, 7 fms. (Melvill, 1898, p. 37).

*Fossil records*—None reported.

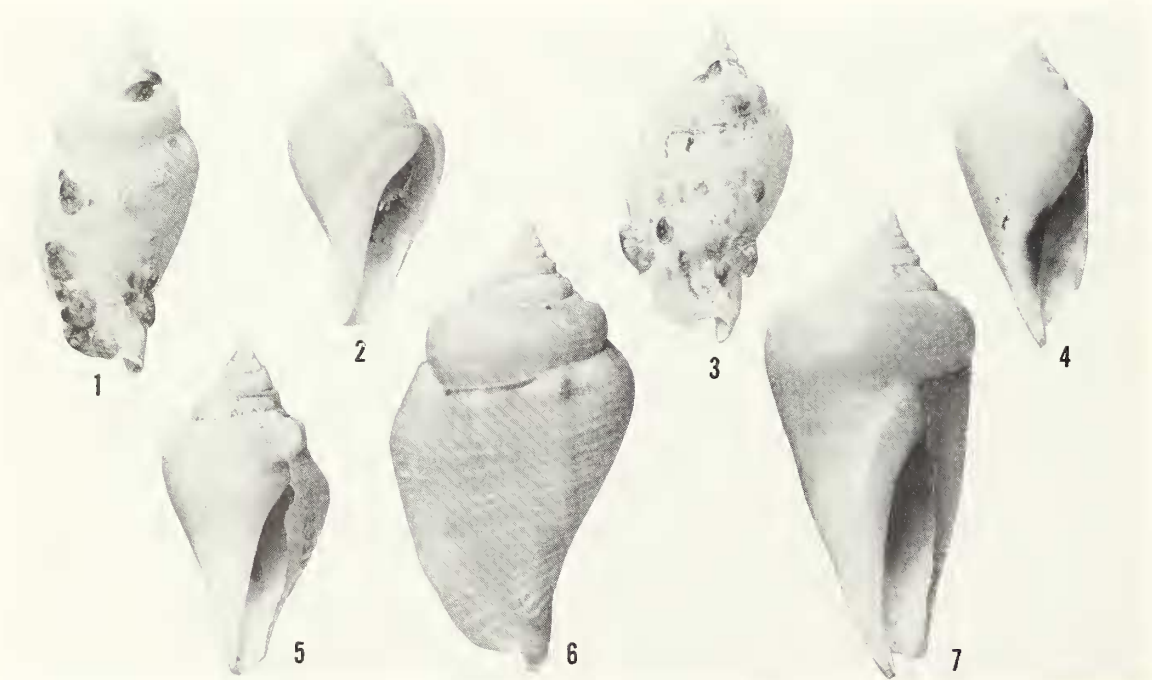


Plate 114. Figs. 1-4, *Strombus gibberulus gibbosus* (Röding), Schouten Ids., Dutch New Guinea. 1 and 3, adults with shells of the snail, "Capulus," attached. 2 and 4, imma-

ture specimens. Figs. 5-7, *Strombus gibberulus gibberulus* Linné, Zanzibar. 5 and 7, immature. 6, adult. All natural size.

### Subgenus *Gibberulus* Jousseaume, 1888

Type: *Strombus gibberulus* Linné, 1758

This subgenus is limited to the Indo-Pacific area, and contains only one species which, however, has broken into three subspecies—true *gibberulus* Linné from the Indian Ocean, *albus* Mörch of the Red Sea area, and *gibbosus* Röding of the Pacific Ocean. The shells are characterized by a peculiar, abnormal coiling which gives them a distorted appearance. The apical varices are extremely broad. The penis has a “heel” or accessory prong on the distal blade. The marginal radular teeth are rather long, delicate and with 5 to 10 dentitions. There is no basal peg on the marginal. The operculum is proportionately broad and with 6 to 9 large serrations.

The fossil records of this group are not numerous, except in the Pleistocene of the Indo-Pacific. Abrard's *praegibberulus* from the Pliocene of the New Hebrides is possibly *gibberulus gibbosus*.

I have serious reservations as to whether or not

*Oostrombus* Sacco, 1893 (*I Molluschi dei Terreni Terziarii del Piemonte e della Liguria*, pt. 14, p.13; type by original designation: *Strombus problematicus* Michelotti, 1861) is related to the recent subgenus *Gibberulus*. Cossmann, 1904, p. 16 notes the absence of *Oostrombus* in the Miocene. In any event, the name *Gibberulus* Jousseaume has priority. Cossmann (1904, p. 14) and Wenz (1943, part 6, p. 1255) place the genus *Thersitea* Coquand, 1862, of the Eocene in the Fasciolaridae. I agree that it probably does not belong in Strombidae.

#### *Syonyuy*—

1888 *Gibberulus* Jousseaume, *Mémoires Soc. Zool. de France*, vol. 1, p. 174. Type by original designation and monotypy: *Gibberulus gibberulus* Gmelin = *gibberulus* Linné, 1758.

### *Strombus gibberulus* subspecies *gibberulus* Linné, 1758

(Pl. 14, fig. 28; pl. 114, figs. 5-7)

*Range*—(Entire species: East Africa to the Tuamotu Islands). Typical *gibberulus*: Indian Ocean, exclusive of South Africa, Red Sea and Australia.

*Remarks*—This is one of the most abundant and widely distributed, shallow-water *Strombus* of the Indo-Pacific region. It is divided into three well-defined geographical subspecies: *gibberulus* from the Indian Ocean, *albus* from the Red Sea and *gibbosus* from the Pacific Ocean. All are characterized by the peculiarly distorted, swollen penultimate whorl and the large size of the swollen, whitish, former varices in the upper whorls.

Typical *gibberulus* is the largest (usually about 55 mm. in length, but ranging from 30 to 70 mm.); the outer shell is a drab yellowish to grayish tan with numerous fine spiral lines of white; when the columella has coloration, it is always limited to a faint purple well within the aperture; the spiral raised threads are usually pronounced on the varix of the last whorl. One out of several hundred specimens seen from East Africa had a rose-tinted mouth, others being purple-tinted.

The subspecies *gibbosus*, confined to the Pacific Ocean, is smaller (usually about 40 mm. in length, but ranging from 28 to 55 mm.); the outer shell is commonly banded or flecked with bright-yellows and browns; when the columella has coloration, the purple-brown, elongate splotch is always in full view; the spiral threads over the varix of the last whorl are usually weak or absent.

The subspecies *albus* from the Red Sea is pro-

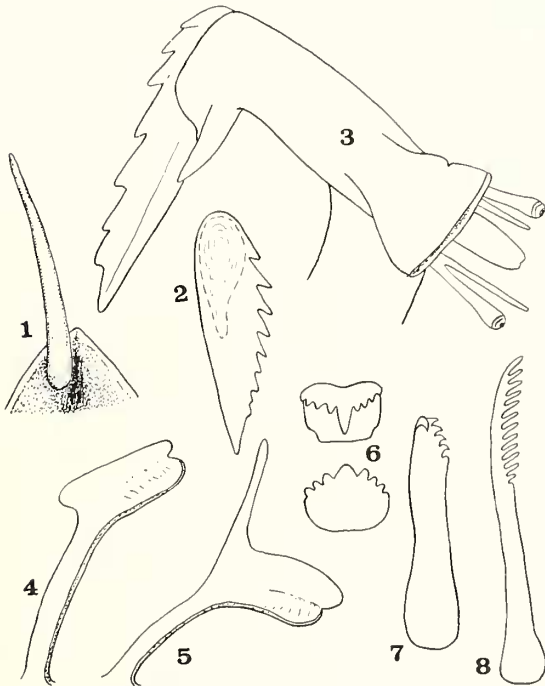


Plate 115. *Strombus gibberulus gibbosus* (Röding), New Caledonia. Fig. 1, posterior corner of mantle margin, showing 4 mm.-long, fleshy appendage. 2, operculum, showing scar from muscle attachment. 3, under view of animal, showing operculum, foot, mucus slit at the anterior edge, egg-laying groove or notch on the right side of the anterior end, and the eye peduncles and proboscis. 4, vergé. 6-8, radulae. 5, vergé of *S. gibberulus gibberulus* Linné, Zanzibar.

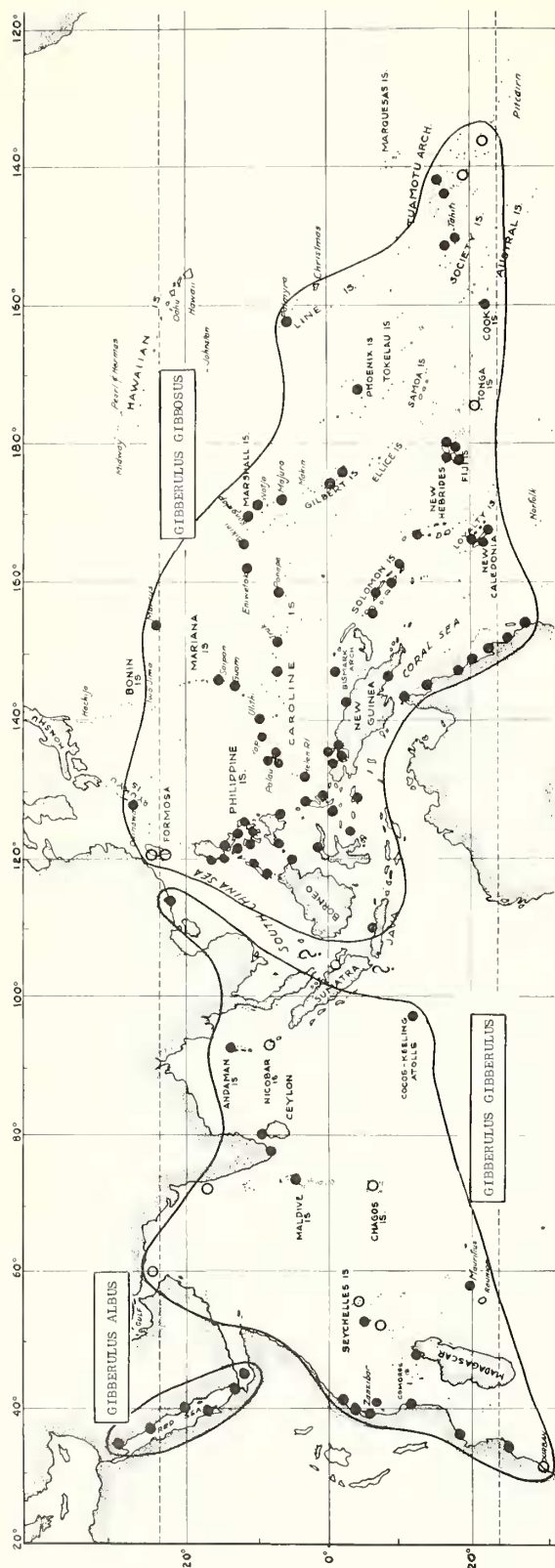


Plate 116. Geographical distribution of the three subspecies of *Strombus gibberulus*—*gibberulus* Linné of the Indian Ocean, *albus* Mörch of the Red Sea, and *gibbosus* (Röding) of the tropical western Pacific.

portionately wider, has an appearance of being more distorted, is usually milk-white on the outside and the interior of the outer lip is a strong rose.

I have examined several dozen animals from both the Indian and Pacific Oceans and find considerable variation in the radula and the number of dentitions on the opercula, so that no differences are meaningful. However, the verges appear to be separable, although not to a degree that would justify treating the Pacific Ocean subspecies as a full species. In most, if not all, of the Pacific specimens the right eye peduncle and the tentacle are as long or even slightly longer than the left peduncle and the left tentacle, while in the Indian Ocean specimens (and in all other species of *Strombus* we have examined) the left is the longer.

Abbott (1949, pp. 59-61) made a study of the shell length and frequency of the color phases in various colonies of the subspecies *gibbosus*, and concluded that the shells of males are only slightly smaller than those of the females. In three colonies examined, 40% were males, the remainder females. There was no indication of any sex-linking in the dark- or light-phase. Although shell size varies greatly within the subspecies, there is a fair amount of uniformity within each localized population. Some mean shell lengths of large population samples are 33 mm. (north end, Agana Bay, Guam); 30 mm. for males, 31.5 for females (S. W. side, Igurin Island, Eniwetok Atoll); 32 mm. (lagoon, Lae Atoll); 41.5 mm. (Puerto Princessa, Palawan Island); 48.0 mm. (Cebu City, Cebu Island); 34 mm. (Helen Reef, S. W. of Palau Ids.). We have noticed in specimens examined that, generally, smaller shells come from smaller atolls or areas with evidently less nitrogenous matter in the water. Similar ecologic size differences exist in the Indian Ocean *gibberulus gibberulus*.

*Habitat*—*S. gibberulus* and its subspecies are colonial, shallow-water species living from the intertidal area to a depth of 10 fathoms. While they are more abundant on clear sand and weed bottoms just below the low water mark, they also occur in sandy patches on barrier reef flats, on sandy lagoon bottoms, and also in muddy sand bottoms. In some areas the shells are festooned with algal growths, and in deeper, clearer water they are small and brightly colored. It is quite probable that the colonies migrate in the breeding season from deep to shallow water. This species lives in or near coral waters, and does not exist, as does *S. canarium*, in muddy, continental-like areas.

*Description*—(of the Indian Ocean *gibberulus gibberulus*). Shell 30 to 70 mm. ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches) in length, solid, somewhat fusiform, and with distorted whorls. Color of outer shell light-tan to whitish with numerous, crowded spiral bands of darker tan. Columella smooth, white or with a faint flush of violet on the portion well within the aperture. Inner edge of outer lip white; within this is a broad violet or dark-purple, axial band crossed by numerous, irregular, whitish, spiral lirae. Deep within the aperture the shell is lightly flushed with violet. Posterior canal, short, deep, narrow, pointing directly upward; bounded on the body wall side by a swollen, white callus. Stromboid notch deep. Spire angle  $70^\circ$ . Whorls 10; nuclear whorls 3, the first very small and slightly elevated, the remainder rounded, glossy, smooth and transparent. The first and second postnuclear whorls have only 5 to 6 incised spiral lines on the upper part of the whorl. Apical whorls with 10 to 11 very broad, swollen, whitish former varices which are crossed by 6 to 8 coarse, spiral threads. Penultimate whorl strongly and roundly shouldered, so that the last third of the body whorl descends rapidly, thus giving a distortion to the entire shell. Last part and base of body whorl with strong, raised threads. Periostracum translucent-tan to light-brown, smooth and usually glistening. Operculum stromboid, slightly arching, broad at the attachment end, light-brown, and with 7 to 8 sharp, rather long serrations, and slightly less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  the length of the shell.

Radular ribbon 2 to 5 mm. in length, with 32 to 46 rows. Formula 4-1-4 or rarely 3-1-3; 1-4 (no peg); 7; 7. Verge up to 10 mm. in length, with a long thumb-like process.

*Measurements (mm.)*—

length	width	no. whorls	
70.0	32.5	10	(large; Zanzibar)
55.0	28.5	9	(average; Zanzibar)
30.0	16.0	8	(small; Zanzibar)

*Synonymy*—

- 1758 *Strombus gibberulus* Linné, Systema Naturae, ed. 10., p. 744, no. 443 (In. O. Asiae); 1767, Linné, ed. 12, p. 1210, no. 501; 1842, Sowerby, Thesaurus Conchyl., vol. 1, pl. 6, fig. 19 (not 24-26); 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, Strombus, pl. 28, fig. 1 (not 1 a).  
 1811 *Strombus labiatus* Perry, Conchology, London, pl. 12, fig. 3 (no locality). Non Röding, 1798.

*Types*—Linnaeus' type is in the Linnacan Society of London. Hanley implies that Sowerby's figure 19 is the type, which is the Indian Ocean subspecies. We restrict the type locality to Zanzibar, British East Africa.

*Nomenclature*—To our knowledge, this is the first time that *gibberulus* has been separated into three subspecies. The Red Sea *albus* has been long recognized. It is difficult to say if Linné included the Pacific Ocean subspecies in his *gibberulus*. The first available name for the Pacific subspecies is *gibbosa* Röding.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 116; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: from the literature) —MOZAMBIQUE: Inhaca Id., Delagoa Bay (W. MacNae, ANSP). Mozambique City (Kurt Groseh, ANSP). TANGANYIKA: Mboa Maji, intertidal (R. T. Abbott, ANSP). MADAGASCAR: Nossi-bé (A. Chavane, ANSP; MCZ). Gloriosa Id. (USNM). INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: Mahé, Seychelles (USNM). Ile des Roches, Amirante Isles (E. A. Smith), 1884, "Alert", p. 503). Chagos Archip. (McIville, 1909, "Sealark", p. 93. CEYLON: Powder Bay, Trincomalee (C. and M. Kline, NSF). ANDAMAN IDS: (MCZ). COCOS KEELING: (USNM). HONGKONG: Castle Peak Bay (A. J. Staple, ANSP).

*Fossil records*—Raised Quaternary beaches of the Red Sea region (Nardini, 1934, p. 222). Pleistocene of French Somalia (Nardini, 1933, p. 171). Cox (1930, p. 138) reports *gibberulus* from the Quaternary of Mombasa, Kenja. Perim Island, Quaternary of Tanga, Tanganyika (Koert and Torran, 1910, p. 10).

*Strombus gibberulus subspecies gibbosus* (Röding, 1798)

(Pl. 14, figs. 26; pl. 114, figs. 1-4)

*Range*—From the Ryukyu Islands to Indonesia and Australia, and eastward to the Tuamotu Islands (but not the Hawaiian Chain).

*Remarks and description*—This is the very abundant and widely distributed Pacific subspecies whose differentiating characters are listed in the remarks under the typical *gibberulus*. The first few postnuclear whorls bear 1 to 12 microscopic spiral threads in *gibbosus*, in contrast to the 5 to 6 incised lines only on the upper two-thirds of the whorl in *gibberulus*. The aperture of *gibbosus* may be all-white or tinted with violet, or yellow or brown or orange, while that of *gibberulus* is almost always tinted with purple to violet. Operculum stromboid, slightly arching, about  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the shell and with 6 to 7 serrations. Radular ribbon 4 to 8 mm. in length, with 28 to 48 rows. Formula variable: usually 4-1-4 (rarely 3-1-3 or 5-1-5); 1-4 (rarely 1-3) and no peg; usually 6 (rarely 3, 4, 5 or 7 denticles on the inner marginal); usually 7, but rarely 5 to 10 on the outer marginal. Verge with a slightly developed "heel" on the distal blade.

The intestines of some contained coral sand, foraminifera and small, whole gastropod shells. However, the species is undoubtedly herbivorous or omnivorous.

*Measurements (mm.)—*

length	width	no. whorls	
58.0	25.0	10	(large; Cebu Id.)
40.0	18.2	9	(average; Suva, Fiji)
30.0	15.2	9	(small; New Caledonia)

*Synonymy—*

- 1798 *Lambis gibbosa* Röding, Museum Boltenianum, Hamburg, pt. 2, p. 62, no. 786. (no locality). Refers to *Conehyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, fig. 794.
- 1842 *Strombus gibberulus* Linné, Sowerby, Thesaurus Conehyl., vol. 1, pl. 6, figs. 24-26; 1843, Kiener, Coquilles Vivantes, vol. 4, pl. 28, fig. 1a (not figs. 1); 1949, Abbott, Nautilus, vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 58-61 (sexual dimorphism). 1957, Demond, Pacific Science, Honolulu, vol. 11, no. 3, p. 295, fig. 14. Not *gibberulus gibberulus* Linné.
- 1946 *Strombus (Canarium) praegibberulus* Abrard, Ann. de Paléontologie, vol. 32, p. 63, pl. 4, figs. 30-31 (Pliocene, Malekula, New Hebrides).

*Types*—To our knowledge no type exists. The species was based upon figure 794 in vol. 3 of Martini and Chemnitz, *Conehyl.-Cab.*, Nurnberg, 1777 which had no locality. We hereby designate Cebu City, Cebu Island, Philippines, as the type locality.

*Nomenclature*—Heretofore, this subspecies has been referred to as *gibberulus* Linné, but now properly is *gibberulus gibbosus* Röding.

*Selected records* (see accompanying map, pl. 116, for other records; solid dots: specimens examined; open circles: literature records)—RUYKYU ISLANDS: Okinawa (A. A. Scott, ANSP). TAIWAN: Kurun (Kuroda, 1941, p. 97). PHILIPPINES: common on most islands, Luzon, Cebu, Catanduanes, Samar, Balabae, Palawan (all ANSP), Busuanga, Cuyo, Marinduque, Panay, Sanga Sanga (USNM). INDONESIA: Amboina; Halmahera Id., Batjan and Bouru Id., Molucca; Marissa, Celebes Id. (all MCZ). AUSTRALIA: Low Islands, Queensland (Tony Marsh, ANSP). Helen Reef, N. W. of New Guinea (V. Orr, NSF). CAROLINES: Truk Id. (Mrs. R. T. Gallemore); Ponape (Mrs. V. Wertley, ANSP). PHOENIX ISLANDS: Canton Id. (Frank Witts, ANSP). SAMOA: Toloa Pt., Upolu Id. (NSF). LINE ISLANDS: Palmyra (USNM). SOCIETY ISLANDS: Moorea, Tahiti and Borabora (H. A. Rehder, USNM). TUAMOTU ISLANDS: Raroia, Takume and Tikahau (J. P. E. Morrison, USNM); Marutea (Dautzenberg and Bouge 1933, p. 297).



Plate 117. *Strombus praegibberulus* Abrard. Holotype, Pliocene of New Hebrides. (from Abrard, 1946, pl. 4, figs. 30, 31). Natural size.

*Fossil records*—Pleistocene, Lanai Id., Hawaii (USNM). Pleistocene, Honolulu Harbor, Oahu Id. (J. M. Ostergaard, 1928, p. 27). Pleistocene (?) of Aranit Id., Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Id., drill hole A-1, 136.5 to 138.0 ft., H. S. Ladd (USNM). INDONESIA: Alena (1942, p. 47) reports *gibberulus* from the Pliocene of Java, Obi and Timor Islands; also the Quarternary of Timor. The only record I have seen illustrated is that of Teseh's from the Pliocene of Timor which may be nearer the subspecies *gibbosa* (Teseh, 1920, p. 49, pl. 130, figs. 166a,b). Teseh also records it from the Quarternary of Koepang, Timor and Maassar, Celebes. Abrard (1946, p. 63) records it from the Pliocene and Quarternary of the New Hebrides.

*Strombus gibberulus subspecies  
albus* Mörch, 1850

(Pl. 14, fig. 27)

*Range*—Limited to the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

*Remarks and description*—This rather restricted subspecies differs from the typical Indian Ocean *gibberulus* in being smaller, much paler and usually white on the outside, and in having the inside of the last whorl flushed with rose to earmine-rose. Rarely, the white columella is tinted with rose. There is an inch-long, narrow bar of purplish brown just below the suture on the dorsal side of the body whorl which is rarely, if ever, present in *gibberulus*, and rarely in *gibbosus*. Soft parts not available for study.

*Measurements—*

length	width	no. whorls	
56.1	28.5	9	(large; Eilat, Israeli)
43.0	25.0	9	(average; Aqaba, Red Sea)
34.0	18.0	8	(small; Port Sudan)

*Synonymy—*

- 1850 *Strombus albus* "Mart." Möreh, Cat. Conehyl. C. P. Kierulf, Hafniae, p. 11, no. 264. Refers to *Conehyl.-Cab.*, vol. 3, figs. 797, 798; 1852, Möreh, Yoldi Catalog -, p. 62. (Red Sea).
- 1869 *Strombus gibberulus* var. *rhodostomus* "Möreh" von Martens, in Deeken's Reisen in Ost-Afrika, vol. 3, Mollusken, p. 64 (Sansibar).

*Types*—The species is based upon Martini's figures 797, 798, and no type of Möreh's exists. The type locality is "Red Sea".

*Records* (see map, pl. 116)—EGYPT: Ras Banas (USNM); Geb Zebara (ANSP); Gulf of Suez (USNM). SAUDI ARABIA: 20 mi. north of Jidda (C. Aslakson, ANSP); SUDAN: Berbera (USNM); Port Sudan (ANSP). ISRAELI: Eilat, Gulf of Aqaba (A. Hadar).

*Fossil records*—EGYPT: Pleistocene: Wadi Guch, 80 ft. alt. (R. B. Newton, 1900, p. 508, pl. 20). FRENCH SOMALIA: Pleistocene, Ravin de Baghenda; near d'Oboeck; d'haoulta; Ras Bir; Ras Doumeira; Khor Ambada (Abrard, 1942, vol. 18, p. 64, pl. 6, fig. 39).